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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Japan earthquake:** Officials warned of further damage in quake-hit southern Japan on Tuesday as heavy rains and aftershocks threatened to dislodge grounds already loosened two days earlier by a powerful magnitude-7.0 temblor that killed one and injured hundreds.

Japan's Meteorological Agency issued a warning for heavy rains of up to 3.2 inches, saying they could trigger possible landslides around Fukuoka city.

A strong magnitude-5.1 aftershock also hit the area Tuesday afternoon, but Fukuoka police said there were no immediate reports of additional damage. Officials said there was no danger of a tsunami.

**Afghan fighting:** Police confronted a group of suspected Taliban guerrillas in southeastern Afghanistan, sparking a gun-battle in which one rebel was killed and another arrested, an official said Tuesday.

A police officer also was wounded in the clash Monday morning in Mizan district of Zabul province, district chief Rahmatullah Khan said.

**Kyrgyzstan protests:** Opposition supporters and police formed joint patrols to keep order in a southern city of Kyrgyzstan where protesters have seized government offices, and President Askar Akayev pledged Tuesday he would not impose a state of emergency despite demonstrations over alleged election fraud.

Akayev's statement — a day after opposition protesters took control of the southern city of Osh and several other towns — appeared aimed at avoiding an escalation of tensions in the country.

**Bobby Fischer citizenship:** An Icelandic supporter of Bobby Fischer said Tuesday he had paid a registration fee that would allow the American chess legend to settle in Iceland.

"It costs 20 dollars to register a new Icelandic citizen, and I've happily paid this for him," Einar S. Einarsson said.

Iceland's parliament said Monday to give Fischer citizenship as he fights an order to deport him from Japan to the United States.

**Suu Kyi detention:** Malaysian lawmakers plan a motion in parliament to urge the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to block military-ruled Myanmar from becoming its chair in 2006 unless pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi is released, lawmakers said Tuesday.



**Dorm fire trial:** Donna Dugas, left, mother of defendant Lucas Goodrum, is embraced by her husband, Bruce Dugas, on Monday in Owensboro, Ky., after Goodrum was found not guilty in the murder of 18-year-old Katie Autry. Autry was found in her Western Kentucky University dorm room raped, beaten and burned on May 4, 2003. She died three days later.

Nazri Abdul Aziz, the minister for Parliamentary Affairs, said the motion would be introduced in parliament's lower house sometime over the next week.

Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace laureate, has been under arrest since May 2003.

## States

**Letterman plot:** A man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to plotting to kidnap David Letterman's 16-month-old son and nanny and hold them for \$5 million ransom.

Kelly Frank, 43, faces felony charges of solicitation and theft and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction. The judge ordered him to remain jailed on bail pending his next court appearance on April 5.

**Lodge explosion:** Despite heavy snowfall, embers still glowed in the rubble of a mountain lodge Monday as authorities began searching for the bodies of three children killed when a fiery explosion leveled the remote building.

The victims were identified as Leslie Ann Bibbey, 12, Isaac Michael Watkins, 2, and Jamie Marie Reade, 16. All were part of the same extended family that had been visiting the lodge, family spokesman Dale Harper said in a news release issued by St. Mary's Hospital in nearby Grand Junction, Colo.

**Presidential election hearing:** The state's election chief told lawmakers at a sometimes-testy congressional hearing that Ohio's presidential election went as smoothly as possible, given the resources available

and some last-minute interpretations by state and federal courts.

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell testified Monday before members of the U.S. House Administration Committee during a special hearing at the Ohio Statehouse. Members of the committee peppered Blackwell with questions about provisional ballots, long voting lines and other issues in the election that gave President George W. Bush the 20 electoral votes he needed to capture re-election.

**Discredited CBS report:** The final CBS News executive asked to resign for his role in the network's discredited report on President Bush's military service reached a settlement with CBS and quit Tuesday.

Josh Howard was executive producer of the "60 Minutes Wednesday" broadcast where the Sept. 8 report aired. An independent panel later concluded that documents used to question Bush's National Guard service could not be verified.

## Business

**WorldCom lawsuits:** The last former WorldCom board member in a lawsuit brought by investors in the collapsed company agreed on Monday to pay \$4.5 million out of his own pocket to settle the claim.

The settlement reached by Bert Roberts, a former chairman of WorldCom, brings to \$24.75 million the total 12 former board members are paying personally to settle the class action suit.

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# Navy renews 'zero liberty incidents' goal

## Commander stresses importance of safety and strategic access

BY JULIANA GITTER

Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK — Four liberty incidents this year in the Pacific have raised the ire of Navy leaders, caused diplomatic havoc and forced the Navy to strongly reiterate the need for good behavior ashore.

Three carrier strike groups, including the Japan-based USS Kitty Hawk, sailed through the 7th Fleet's area of responsibility since January. All three have had incidents in which a sailor was drinking, committed a crime and later assaulted a police officer.

While Navy leaders say they won't tolerate any criminal incidents, those occurring in strategic foreign ports and involving resistance to authority figures are most troubling, said Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, commander of the Kitty Hawk Strike Group and the person responsible for any strike group while it is operating in the fleet's area.

The three most serious such incidents occurred in Singapore and Hong Kong.

"The issue is strategic access," Kelly said. "Singapore and Hong Kong are extremely important ports for us, for multiple reasons."

The incidents prompted a memo from Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Walter Dorian to the more than 100 commanding leaders to push harder for an end to the incidents.

Kelly responded with a memo to his staff demanding the same.

"We all recognize that 'zero liberty incidents' is the goal. Simple recognition, however, is not good enough," his memo stated.

The incidents themselves are just part of the problem. The diplomatic dilemma they created is no lesser concern.

"Trust me, I didn't need Adm. Dorian's message to tell me how important this was," Kelly said. "We have incidents that don't break what I would call the 'plane of pain,' where they create an international or a local incident. Our whole thing out here is we can't have the liberty incidents that become strategic issues."

Two incidents involved sailors assaulting an officer in Singapore; the third involved an officer assaulting a police officer in Hong Kong, one of the few places the U.S. Navy engages the Republic of China, Kelly said.

Singapore later turned the sailors over



TERI WEAVER/Stars and Stripes

Sailors with the rank E-4 and below wait last week to flash their liberty cards and spend some time off the USS Kitty Hawk in Pusan, South Korea. The 7th Fleet uses color-coded liberty cards to reward good behavior among lower-ranking sailors and Marines with extra leave privileges. For example, commanders can issue "blue cards" that let younger sailors stay ashore overnight instead of having to be back aboard or in barracks by midnight.

to the U.S. government. The third is awaiting the outcome of his case in Hong Kong.

"They became strategic issues because they're issues being talked about at the ambassador level and the defense attaché level," Kelly said. "Hong Kong ... that's a key engagement place for us and we want to be able to keep going in there. Singapore, not only is it a key ally for us, but the access they give us to their port facilities is awesome and we can't screw that up."

The problem also is one of sailor safety, Navy leaders say. Even incidents that don't reach the bar of diplomatic discussion can lead to an injury, particularly if a sailor is alone, in an unfamiliar place and possibly drunk.

"It's not that we have bad sailors. What they are is inexperienced," said Capt. Dave Volonino, Kitty Hawk Strike Group chief of staff. "The question is, how do you include smart and less-risky behavior when they're off the ship and not under your supervision."

The Navy uses training and the threat of punishment as a deterrent. But, Volonino says, like the rebellious teen in a household, threats and lectures don't always work.

■ Singapore, a sailor from the USS Abraham Lincoln, February: A sailor activated the emergency brake on a train at rush hour, which in some cases is punishable by public censure, officials said. He later scuffled with a police officer who investigated. Singapore later turned him over to the U.S. government.

■ Hong Kong, a lieutenant from the USS Kitty Hawk, February: The officer was being brought back to the ship by a shipmate when he kicked their cab driver from the back seat. He then assaulted the police officer who arrived to investigate. The case is open and the individual remains in Hong Kong in U.S. custody.

■ Guam, a sailor from the USS Carl Vinson, January: A sailor assaulted a police officer who had responded to a house party where the sailor was drinking, officials said.

—Juliana Gitter

So Navy leaders impose what they call intrusive leadership — limited liberty until sailors prove their maturity, and a buddy system that requires sailors to watch each other, pairing less-experienced sailors with those a little more mature.

Navy leaders overseas have an additional tool to reduce incidents. Under the liberty risk program, a commander can curb a sailor's liberty without any formal legal proceeding, which is not the practice in the States, Volonino said.

After the recent incidents, commanders reiterated intrusive leadership techniques.

"We went back to the basics," Volonino said.

Unit leaders and noncommissioned officers worked closely with sailors to avoid drunken behaviors and looked more closely at who is granted liberty.

Intrusive leadership is working overall, Kelly said.

"The reality is that conduct has overall been getting better," he said. "We've got a wonderful buddy program and it works. There were buddies involved in the recent cases) who were not where they should have been when the incidents happened. So our buddy program failed there."

Before their port visit to South Korea last week, sailors aboard the USS Kitty Hawk and accompanying ships were strongly reminded that their behavior was under greater scrutiny. However, there were no additional punishments imposed.

"They'll get in no more trouble now than they used to," Kelly said. "But they darn sure understand that there's a focus all the way to the chief of naval operations. I think we've done a better job of emphasizing that piece over the past couple of months."

There were no arrests or incidents during the stop in South Korea, and that's no coincidence, Kelly said. Every sailor, from an E-1 to an admiral, was required to have a buddy.

"The buddy system has got to work. When you're out there with a buddy, you don't leave that buddy, especially if you're having some beers," Kelly said. "You've got to take care of each other. I expect the buddy to get his or her buddy out of trouble before it arises."

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## 7th Fleet still rewarding good behavior

BY TERI WEAVER

Stars and Stripes

PUSAN, South Korea — Despite the recent problems with a few sailors on leave, the Navy plans to keep using the 7th Fleet's Exceptional Sailor Program, a three-year-old policy that affords lower-ranking sailors more liberty options in return for good behavior.

In fact, officials have fine-tuned the program in recent months to afford well-behaved sailors more liberty opportunities and to focus discipline policies on smaller groups of sailors when violations do occur, according to 7th Fleet Command Master Chief Ashley Smith.

"When we first brought it in, it was very controversial," Smith said last week. "Our relationship with our host countries, whether Japan, Korea or the Philippines, it's very important to us, politically and strategically. You can't just allow 500 sailors to walk off the ship and hope they don't get in trouble."

The policy started in 2002 and is unique to the 40 to 50 ships and 20,000 sailors and Marines in the 7th Fleet. The program uses color-coded liberty cards to reward the four lowest ranks — petty officer third class and below — with liberty incentives.

The program offers white cards as a first step and requires sailors new to a ship to be back on ship or in barracks by midnight. After a three-month grace period, a commander may decide to grant the sailor a blue card, which grants overnight liberty, according to 7th Fleet spokesman Chief Petty Officer Rick Chermetier.

## Recent liberty incidents in Pacific

This year, four sailors from three aircraft carrier groups were charged following serious liberty incidents in the Pacific region.

In each case, alcohol was involved and a police officer was assaulted, according to U.S. officials.

While any carrier group is in the 7th Fleet area of operations, it falls under the authority of Kitty Hawk Strike Group commander Rear Adm. James D. Kelly. These regions have prompted increased attention and vigilance from Navy leaders:

■ Singapore, a petty officer from the USS Carl Vinson, March: The sailor accidentally knocked over a motorcycle, attracting the attention of police officers. He ran from them and jumped from the back of a story of a parking garage, breaking his hand. Police took him to the hospital. At some point in the hospital, officials say, he began attacking a police officer. He eventually was turned over to the U.S. government by Singapore.

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# Surveillance support unit to leave northern Japan

## Navy dismantling Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISAWA, Japan — A Navy detachment supporting electronic surveillance missions here since 1991 quietly is pulling up stakes and leaving northern Japan.

The Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One, or VQ-1, detachment is being dismantled, sending 36 military personnel and about 19 families to Whidbey Island, Wash., home of the detachment's squadron, the VQ-1 "World Watchers," a Commander, Naval Forces Japan official said Tuesday.

"They're trying to improve the efficiency of their operations," said Navy Cmdr. John Wallach. "With fewer and fewer flights out of Misawa, this detachment is just not needed anymore."

The detachment supports temporary-duty aircraft conducting surveillance missions from Misawa aboard EP-3E Aries II aircraft in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

"They provide operation, maintenance and administrative support," Wallach said, while the aircrews and planes are deployed to Misawa.

EP-3 flights from Misawa, however, are "pretty infrequent," having decreased significantly since the detachment's move from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, near Tokyo, to Misawa in 1991, Wallach said.

"A lot of those flights are coming out of Kadena now," Wallach said, attributing the shift to "geography, world events ... the places they need to go to gather intelligence."

The EP-3E can detect and identify tactically significant electronic signals, according to the Navy. VQ-1 provides electronic reconnaissance from the east coast of Africa to the west coast of the United States, according to a VQ-1 "World Watchers" fact sheet. One of the squadron's EP-3E Aries II, flying from Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, was involved in the March 31, 2001, midair collision with a Chinese F-8 fighter jet that resulted in the 24-member aircrew being detained 11 days in China.

Wallach said EP-3E missions still

on occasion will originate from Misawa. Dissolving the detachment "doesn't make Misawa a less-attractive option" for those flights, he said. The detachment's functions will be absorbed by the VQ-1 squadron on Whidbey Island, allowing the aircrews and planes to "still go where they're needed."

The move doesn't affect the deployments of Navy patrol squadrons, which rotate P-3 Orion sub-hunter aircraft and crews into Misawa every six months, officials said.

The Japanese government was notified in January that the VQ-1 detachment would be abolished, Wallach said. Some military personnel already have been relocated, but Wallach didn't know how many remained at Misawa.

Misawa Mayor Shigeyoshi Suzuki expressed concern that the loss of military personnel from Misawa might leave more rental housing unoccupied, the Japanese newspaper Too Nippo reported last week.

Hana Kusumoto contributed to this story.

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### Yokota's Gong Show canceled

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Gong Show Yokota Talent Showcase, planned for 8 p.m. Saturday in the Enlisted Club's Spectrum Lounge, has been canceled, according to base officials.

### Commissary to hold Easter egg hunt

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Misawa Commissary is hosting its second annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday for infants and children up to age 12.

The age groups and start times are as follows:

■ Infant to 4 years old: 10:30 a.m.

■ 5 to 8 years old: 11 a.m.

■ 9 to 12 years old: 11:30 a.m.

Some eggs will be filled with candy, toys or surprise gifts. Parents may accompany children in the youngest age group. The hunt will be held in the grassy area across the street from the commissary parking lot. The alternate site in case of rain or snow is Hangar 949.

### Women's History Month run

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Women's History Month activities here wrap up Saturday with a 5K run and health information fair.

The run starts at 8:30 a.m. at Potter Fitness Center. Prizes go to the top three male and female finishers. The \$8 registration fee includes a T-shirt and post-race refreshments.

Runners may register starting at 8 a.m. on race day or in advance by contacting Staff Sgt. Genevieve Storey at DSN 226-6653 or [genevieve.storey@misawa.af.mil](mailto:genevieve.storey@misawa.af.mil). Anyone interested in setting up an information or fund-raising booth at the health and information fair also should contact Storey. The fair runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Potter Fitness Center.

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# 13th Air Force HQ relocating to Hawaii

By FRANK WHITMAN  
Special to Stars and Stripes

The headquarters of the 13th Air Force is pulling up stakes in Guam and heading to Hawaii, Pacific Air Forces officials announced Tuesday.

The May move from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, comes in conjunction

with the activation of a provisional war-fighting headquarters at Hickam assigned to plan and execute military operations in the Pacific theater, excluding the Korean peninsula, where military operations will fall under another war-fighting headquarters in the works exclusively for that region.

The 13th Air Force staff will form the core of the new war-fighting headquarters, said Maj. Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., 13th Air Force commander, during Tuesday's news conference at Andersen.

According to an Air Force re-

lease, the Hawaii headquarters will provide:

■ Unit of command of air, space and information operations forces.

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The war-fighting headquarters is slated to move from provisional status in the fall.

"At Hickam, we've got other war-fighting commanders already there,"

Rice said. "The commander of Pacific Command is there, the commander of Pacific Fleet is there and on and on. The habitual relationships that can be developed between the war fighters is an-

other important reason to locate them to Hickam."

Seventy-seven authorized Air Force positions — 72 military and five civilian — will move from

Andersen to Hickam. The new headquarters will have about 180 authorized positions when it reaches full strength. The remaining 1,820 positions at Andersen will remain intact under the 36th Air Expeditionary Wing.

Despite the 13th Air Force move, the buildup on Guam that has taken place in recent years will continue, military officials

say.

"Our plans to use and leverage the strategic capabilities that are resident here are unchanged," Rice said. Plans for the island include an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance strike task force; a regional training campus at now-unused Northwest Field; fighters, tankers and bombers in rotation; and a com-

bat civil engineering unit.

The Air Force plans to spend about \$500 million to prepare for the new missions.

"Guam will see a sustained commitment, probably unlike they've seen in recent history, not just by the Air Force but by the United States military to take advantage of the unique aspects that are offered here," Rice said.

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Members of the Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) direct "NASCAR on Fox" analysts Darrell Waltrip and Jeff Hammond while they unload the official pace car of the Golden Corral 500 from the back of an MH-47 Chinook helicopter at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday.

TIM PARKS  
Special to Stars and Stripes



# Special delivery

## Army chopper drops in on Atlanta Motor Speedway with Golden Corral 500 pace car

BY AMANDA L. BOSTON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — NASCAR fans went wild Sunday as Army Special Forces showed off their own expert driving, maneuvering an MH-47 Chinook helicopter onto Atlanta Motor Speedway to drop off the pace car for the Golden Corral 500.

Plans had been in the works for nearly three months for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) out of Fort Campbell, Ky., to make the special delivery during pre-race ceremonies, said racetrack director of events Brandon Hutchinson.

"There is always some kind of military involvement — from flyovers to color guard — in pre-race festivities here at Atlanta Motor Speedway," Hutchinson said. "We like fast and loud fly-bys. Anything to get the fans pumped up."

More than 50,000 race fans saw the heavy assault chopper piloted by Green Berets land along the front stretch of the 1.54-mile track to drop off its cargo: the pace car and television analysts Darrell Waltrip and Jeff Hammond.

"Anyone who has had the opportunity to share some time with our military personnel can tell you that we are under the protection of some of the finest men and women in the country," Hammond said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

"I was honored to take part in the exercise and am extremely thankful for all that they sacrifice on our behalf."

Leading the Special Operations demonstration this year was Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Army commanders from the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Navy SEALs from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command, San Diego, also were honored during the ceremonies.

"NASCAR races are such a logical place to build community relations," said Kelly A. Tyler, spokesperson for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. "Races are great recruiting events."

In addition to the Chinook helicopter, other aircraft taking part in the event included an MH-60 Black Hawk, an MH-6 Little Bird helicopters and an MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft.

Sunday's demonstration was the second straight year members of the Army, Navy and Air Force took part in pre-race celebrations at the Atlanta event.

Earlier this year, a Florida sailer who served in Iraq was named honorary starter of NASCAR's Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway.

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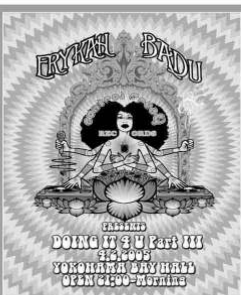
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## Army finds liquid in vials is banned pesticide

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Glass vials whose discovery led to evacuation of three homes in a Honolulu neighborhood contain a 1950s ozone-depleting pesticide banned in most parts of the world this year, Army officials said Monday.

Army officials had initially feared the liquid may have been dangerous chemicals from a kit used to teach soldiers how to handle chemical weapons, because the 76 ampules were discovered in a house that had belonged to a former Army chemical officer.

But a team of experts from the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground determined the vials contained methyl bromide, a pesticide that has been used for decades to sterilize soil and clear it of any fungus, weeds, worms or bacteria that could threaten crops.

The Army formerly used methyl bromide in glass ampules to de-louse clothing, said Mary Markovonich, spokeswoman for U.S. Army, Pacific. They would place the clothing in a bag with the ampule, break the ampule and leave it for about an hour, she said.

## Camp Lejeune to close stables

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The Marine Corps said it will close its horse stables at Camp Lejeune on April 1 because of high costs and low demand.

Marine Corps Community Services was losing money at the site and a private company could not be found to run the stables, officials said. "If Marines weren't deploying, we would still need to do this," said H. Wayne West, business development director for Marine Corps Community Services at Camp Lejeune.

Liability insurance was among the largest contributing factors in the decision. Also, the stables were renovated last year at a cost of \$657,000.

West said the agency has placed the horses up for auction as well as the saddles and bridles. The same procedure was used for stables at Quantico, Va., and Cherry Point.

The last full-service stable on a Marine Corps installation is at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

From The Associated Press





# Concerns of Gitmo abuse deleted from memo

By R. JEFFREY SMITH

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — U.S. law enforcement agents working at the military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, concluded that controversial interrogation practices used there by the Defense Department produced intelligence information that was "suspect at best," an FBI agent told a superior in a memo last May.

But the Justice Department, which reviewed the memo for national security secrets before releasing it to a civil liberties group in December, redacted the FBI agent's conclusion. The department, acting

after the Defense Department expressed its own views on which portions of the letter should be redacted, also blacked out a separate claim in the memo that military interrogation practices could undermine future military trials for terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay.

It also withheld a statement by the memo's author that Justice Department criminal division officials were so concerned about the military interrogation practices that they took their complaints to the office of the Pentagon's chief attorney, William Haynes II.

The revelations in the memo, released Monday by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., gen-

erally amplify previously disclosed FBI concerns that military interrogators at the island prison were using coercive interrogation methods that could compromise any evidence of terrorist activities they obtained. FBI agents and officials had complained about the shackling of detainees to the floor for periods exceeding 24 hours without food and water, the draping of a detainee in an Israeli flag and the use of growling dogs to scare detainees.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who as White House counsel participated in detailed discussions about the legality of aggressive military interrogation techniques, has twice publicly expressed skepticism about the reliability of these FBI accounts.

But the May 10, 2004, memo, written by an official whose name has not been disclosed, contains a highly detailed account of the efforts that FBI agents made to persuade the Defense Department that its interrogation practices were wrongheaded.

Levin, who had pushed the Justice Department to release a version of the memo that included the new disclosures, on Monday sharply criticized the department's initial handling of it. "As I suspected, the previously withheld information had nothing to do with protecting intelligence sources and methods, and everything to do with protecting the DOD from embarrassment," Levin said.

## Mud-wrestling GI discharged for baring breasts

By BRIAN KATES

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Camp Bucca flasher returned to her North Carolina home Monday after being booted from the military for baring her breasts during a wild mud-wrestling party at the U.S. Army's main prison in Iraq.

Pvt. Deanna Allen, forced out of the military with a general discharge, said she may appeal the ruling because it will deny her some veterans' benefits.

"They are taking away my college and that has me very upset,"

Allen told the New York Daily News. "I plan to file an appeal."

The 19-year-old military police prison guard made headlines around the world after The News published photos of her flashing her breasts as she wrestled in a mud-filled pool with other scantily clad women soldiers. Male GIs gawked and snapped pictures.

The episode took place Oct. 30, in the same period when enemy detainees were being transferred to Camp Bucca in southern Iraq from Abu Ghraib, the prison made notorious by photos of Americans torturing naked Iraqis.

In addition to the mud wrestling, military police were investigating reports that sergeants lent their rooms to GIs for booze-fueled sex romps.

Military experts have branded the incident a serious breakdown in discipline at a time when the United States was trying to mend its reputation in Iraq and in the Arab world.

The party allegedly was arranged by high-ranking sergeants, but so far Allen has been the only soldier to be punished.

She was sent stateside in late February, and, until this week,

was being treated at the military hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C., for what she said was an infected camel-spider bite.

She was "chaperoned" — military jargon for involuntarily discharged — after being demoted from specialist to private.

Allen's National Guard unit, the 105th Military Police Battalion out of Asheville, N.C., is still in Iraq, assigned to guard Iraqi detainees at Camp Bucca.

The free-for-all was staged as a goodbye party for the 16th Military Police Battalion, a Tallahassee, Fla.-based Army Reserve unit that was being replaced by Allen's outfit.

### GI's hearing begins

EL PASO — An attorney for a soldier accused of beating an Afghan detainee to death in 2002 said his client should not be held solely responsible because authority figures used the same tactics.

Pfc. Willie V. Brand of the 377th Military Police Company is charged with involuntary manslaughter, maiming, assault, maltreatment and false swearing.

The Cincinnati man is accused of killing a man identified only as Dilawar at the main U.S. detention facility in Bagram, Afghanistan, by destroying his leg muscle tissue with repeated knee strikes.

The Associated Press



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# Seven dead in Minn. high school shooting

## Alleged teen gunman also killed 2 others, self

BY JOSHUA FREED  
The Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — The boy accused of killing nine people in a shooting spree first shot his grandfather and his companion, then donned the man's police-issue gunbelt and bulletproof vest before heading to the high school, where he shot students and teachers at random, authorities said Tuesday.

FBI agent Michael Tabman said Jeff Weise appeared to be acting alone on Monday's rampage and the motive was unknown. When it was over, 10 people, including five students and Weise himself, were dead.

Tabman said he couldn't confirm whether Weise was the same person who made posts to a neo-Nazi site, including one in which the writer billed himself as the "Angel of Death."

Aside from the teen's grandfather, Daryl Luster, and Luster's companion, Michelle Sigana, Weise's targets appeared random, Weise said. An unarmed security guard and a teacher also were killed.

The students remained hospitalized, including two with critical injuries.

It was the worst U.S. school shooting since the Columbine

### Red Lake fatal shootings

A high school student killed his grandfather and his grandfather's companion at their home, followed by 7 people and himself at Red Lake High School. Fourteen to 15 other students were injured.



High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday

when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at the school's entrance, where an unarmed guard was killed.

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say something to his friend Ryan. "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he shot him."

At least 14 others were wounded; two of them remained in critical condition Tuesday at Merit-Care in Fargo, N.D., officials said.

At least three of the victims were shot in the head at close range, said officials at North Country Regional Hospital in nearby Bemidji. One of those victims died and the other two were transferred to the Fargo hospital. Three victims remained at North Country Regional in noncritical condition.

"There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that we've experienced here," Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, told WCCO-TV of Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Police said the gunman killed himself after exchanging fire with officers. Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said the gunman had two handguns and a shotgun.

Weise, 17, had been placed in



Sixteen-year-old Christopher Morrison, a 10th-grader at the Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minn., pauses in the lobby of the North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, Minn., on Tuesday. His sister was in the Red Lake High School when Jeff Weise, a 17-year-old student, shot seven people in the school.

the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy, said school board member Kathryn Beaulieu.

Students in that program stay at home and are tutored by a traveling teacher.

There was no immediate indication of Weise's motive.

But several students said he held anti-social beliefs, and he may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler.

# Schiavo case goes to U.S. appeals court

BY VICKIE CHACHERE  
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Warning that Terri Schiavo is "fading quickly," her parents begged a federal appeals court Tuesday to order the severely brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted.

David Gibbs III, attorney for parents Bob and Mary Schindler, told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta that the 41-year-old woman might die before they get a chance to fully argue their case that her rights are being violated. The appeal came after a federal judge in Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request.

"Where, as here, death is imminent, it is hard to imagine more critical and exigent circumstances," Gibbs said in the appeal filed electronically with the court. "Terri is fading quickly and her parents reasonably fear that her death is imminent."

The Schindlers have been locked for years in a battle with Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, over whether her feeding tube should be disconnected. State courts have sided with Michael Schiavo, who insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially.

The feeding tube was disconnected on Friday. Doctors have said Terri Schiavo could survive one to two weeks without water and nutrients.

Even before the parents' appeal was filed, Michael Schiavo urged the 11th Circuit not to grant an emergency request to restore nutrition.

"That would be a horrific intrusion upon Mrs. Schiavo's personal liberty," said the filing by Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos. Felos also told the judges he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if the tube were ordered reconnected.



Elizabeth A. Kosorski, 23, protests in front of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Tuesday. Attorneys for Terri Schiavo filed a notice of appeal with the court earlier in the day.

Over the weekend, congressional Republicans pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation aimed at prolonging Terri Schiavo's life by allowing the case to be reviewed by federal courts.

However, early Tuesday, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore of Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request under that legislation, saying the woman's parents had not established that they would probably prevail at a trial on their claim that Terri Schiavo's religious and due process rights have been violated.

The Bush administration "would have preferred a different ruling," White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters in Albuquerque, N.M., where the president was visiting a senior center.

At the same time, Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, said the president was visiting a senior center. "What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians," Simon said.

# Bush, McCain tout Social Security plan to audience in N.M.

BY JENNIFER LOVEN  
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — President Bush and Sen. John McCain put on another showing Tuesday of their good-cop, bad-cop routine on Social Security, trying to prod Democrats into cooperating with rather than opposing the president's drive to create private accounts within the system.

Bush emphasized the positive, continuing to assure current and near-retirees their benefits would not change under his plan and promising that credit would be duly shared if Washington politicians can come together to fix Social Security's long-term fiscal ills.

"Bring your ideas forward, please," the president told a mostly darkened auditorium here. "If we're going to solve this problem, it's not going to be a Republican idea or a Democratic idea. It's going to be an American idea."

McCain, after speaking glowingly of "the pride I feel in this president," had a less conciliatory message for Democrats in Congress, whom he accused of being obstructionist and shortsighted.

"Some of our friends who are opposing this idea say, 'Oh, you

don't have to worry until 2042.' We wait until 2042 when we stop paying people Social Security? That's not what this is all about," he said. "Please urge our Democratic friends to come to the table and sit with us and do this for the greater good of the United States of America. ... This issue isn't shouldn't have anything to do with partisan politics."

He also aimed some of his "straight talk" at AARP, the powerful lobby for older citizens that opposes Bush's plan to allow younger workers to divert a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal accounts that could be invested in the stock market in trade for reduced guaranteed benefits.

"I want to say to our friends in AARP... come to the table with us — we not only have an obligation to seniors, we have an obligation to future generations," McCain said.

The Arizona Republican, Bush's one-kind-of potential rival who has become a big booster of his Social Security plans, also played the heavy as he accompanied the president on Monday to the senator's home state and Colorado and tried to help sell a skeptical public on the private accounts idea.

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# Miss. honors victims of civil rights slayings

BY SHELIA BYRD  
The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation Monday renaming stretches of highways in honor of victims of two of the nation's most notorious civil rights slayings.

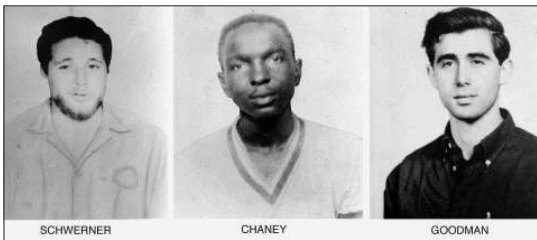
Lawmakers say the highways are the first state-sponsored memorials to the victims.

A portion of U.S. 49 East in Tallahatchie County becomes the "Emmett Till Memorial Highway" in honor of the black 14-year-old who was beaten to death in 1955, supposedly for whistling at a white woman.

That case has recently been reopened by prosecutors.

A stretch of Mississippi 19 near Philadelphia, believed to be the site of the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, was renamed the "Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner Memorial Highway" for the three civil rights workers who were ambushed, beaten and shot by the Ku Klux Klan in 1964.

Nineteen men were indicted on federal civil rights charges in that case. Seven were convicted and



**Above:** On June 29, 1964, the FBI began distributing these pictures of civil rights workers, from left, Michael Schwerner, 24, of New York; James Chaney, 21, from Mississippi; and Andrew Goodman, 20, of New York, who disappeared days earlier near Philadelphia, Miss. The three civil rights workers were abducted and killed. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour signed legislation Monday renaming stretches of Mississippi highways for the slain men. Right: Emmett Till, in Chicago about six months before he was killed in 1955 while visiting Mississippi, also received a highway naming in his honor.

sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 10 years.

Murder charges in the case were not brought until earlier this year when former Klansman, Edgar Ray Killen, one of the origi-

nal suspects, was indicted.

He is scheduled for trial this spring.

"This is history in the way of Mississippi trying to change her image," said Democratic state

Sen. David Jordan, who represents the district where Till was killed.

"This is healthy for the state, and the state has got to start looking at it that way."



## Librarian allegedly too sexy for Harvard

BY DENISE LAVOIE  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — A Harvard University librarian claims in a lawsuit that she has been rejected repeatedly for promotion because she is black and is perceived as just a "pretty girl" whose attire was too "sexy."

As a jury was chosen Monday to decide her federal lawsuit, Desiree Goodwin said she's been rejected for 16 jobs at Harvard since 1999, when she completed her master's degree in library science after attending night classes at Simmons College for 4½ years.

Goodwin, 40, also has a master's degree in library literature,

seven years of experience in the library of Boston College and another nine years as an assistant librarian at Harvard.

She said she was shocked when, in late 2001, her supervisor told her she would never be promoted at Harvard. In court documents, Goodwin said her supervisor told her she was "a joke" at the university's main library, where she "was seen merely as a pretty girl who wore sexy outfits, low cut blouses, and tight pants."

She said after the conversation with her supervisor, she modified her appearance and wore more conservative clothing, but she continued to be turned down when she applied for better positions.



Desiree Goodwin

Goodwin says in her lawsuit that she has suffered emotional distress and lost \$150,000 in wages as a result of Harvard's failure to promote her since 1999. Harvard denies that it has discriminated against Goodwin.

Chris Griffin, 31, poses beside the wild hog he shot near Alapaha, Ga., in June 2004. Residents of this south Georgia town felt vindicated Monday after a National Geographic documentary confirmed that their legendary super swine Hogzilla was indeed real, and really, really big.



## 'Hogzilla' legend confirmed

The Associated Press

ALAPAHA, Ga. — A team of National Geographic experts has confirmed south Georgia's monster hog, known to locals as Hogzilla, was indeed real — and really, really big.

They also noted the super swine didn't quite live up to the 1,000-pound, 12-foot hype generated when Hogzilla was caught on a farm last summer and photographed hanging from a backhoe.

Donning biohazard suits to examine the behemoth's smelly remains, the experts estimated Hogzilla was probably only 7½ to 8 feet long, and weighed about 800 pounds. The confirmation came in a documentary on the National Geographic Channel.

"He was an impressive beast. He was definitely a freak of nature," said documentary producer Nancy Donnelly. She said Hogzilla's tusks — one measuring nearly 18 inches and the other nearly 16 inches — set a new Safari Club International North American free-range record.

That wasn't good enough for Ken Holyoak, owner of the 1,500-acre fish farm and hunting preserve where Hogzilla was shot by guide Chris Griffin.

Holyoak said Hogzilla weighed in at half a ton on his farm scales, and that he personally measured the hog's length at 12 feet while the freshly killed beast was dangling by straps from a backhoe.

## Rubella eliminated in United States

WASHINGTON — Rubella, a virus known to cause birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths, has been eliminated in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

"This is an achievement ... but the story is not done yet," said Dr. Julio Gerberding, the director of the Atlanta-based CDC. Because worldwide eradication of rubella is a long way off, children should still be immunized against the disease, Gerberding said.

Also known as German measles, rubella is a mild infectious disease, often causing a rash and fever. The disease is most dangerous for pregnant women who, if they contract the illness, risk miscarriage, stillbirth or the development in their babies of rubella-related birth defects.

## Sailing ship goes aground in Calif.

OXNARD, Calif. — The U.S. Coast Guard worked through the night to free a two-masted sailing ship that ran aground near a rock jetty, but all 20 people

aboard the ship were brought to shore safely Monday afternoon after the ship became stuck in a sandbar.

Authorities said rough surf knocked at least four people off the boat into the 58-degree water, but all were retrieved safely. The rest of the group followed rescuers' orders and one by one jumped off the lurching boat wearing life jackets, as waves rolled over the deck. They were also picked up.

All aboard were accounted for, said U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Prentice Danner.

## High court won't hear smoker case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court declined Monday to consider whether to reduce \$10.5 million in damages a jury awarded against Philip Morris USA to a former smoker with lung cancer.

Justices let stand a lower court ruling that upheld the award to Patricia Henley of Glendale, Calif. At issue is whether the amount is too excessive in light of a 2003 Supreme Court ruling that limits the amount of punitive damages a jury can award.

From The Associated Press



## IN THE WORLD

## EU faces fire over Chinese arms embargo

U.S. hardens opposition to resuming sales as China is angered over possible delay



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso arrives for a meeting of EPP leaders in Meise, Belgium, on Tuesday. EPP leaders met ahead of an EU summit, which hopes to boost jobs and growth but is set to be overshadowed by a dispute over resuming arms sales to China and growing fears of a 'no' vote on the EU constitution in France.

By PAUL AMES  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union leaders were under pressure Tuesday to delay plans for resuming weapons sales to China, as Washington hardens opposition to ending the 15-year EU embargo in the wake of Europe's new law authorizing a military attack on Taiwan.

Gathering for their two-day spring summit, the 25 EU leaders were facing fire from both sides, after China reacted angrily to reports the bloc may put back its target for lifting the embargo beyond the end of June.

"The arms embargo against China is political discrimination, which is not in line with today's reality," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in Beijing ahead of the EU summit.

Europe has long been divided over lifting the ban. France and Germany have led demands for it to go, calling the embargo a Cold War relic that holds back trade op-

portunities with China's booming economy.

Britain, Sweden and others have been more reticent, citing continued human rights abuses and the threat to Taiwan. The United States has lobbied strongly for the ban to stay, saying European weapons could destabilize east Asia and even threaten U.S. forces in the Pacific.

However, the EU had appeared close to lifting the ban before last week's passing of an anti-secession law by the Chinese parliament that authorizes force against Taiwan if the island seeks formal independence.

China has made some concessions on human rights, including the release last week of a Muslim businessman who was jailed on national security charges and was the subject of appeals by Washington.

But Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said continued human rights problems and the new law on Taiwan, had "created quite a difficult political environment" for the lifting of the embargo.

Other European officials have said lifting the embargo could be delayed because of failure to get agreement within the bloc for a series of safeguards to prevent a sudden, destabilizing flood of European weapons or the export of high-tech arms.

"The latest developments have added complexity," EU spokeswoman Cristina Gallach acknowledged ahead of the summit.

The Europeans are also worried about the level of opposition within the United States. Diplomats admitted a mission to Washington last week to explain the proposed new safeguards had not been a success.

European sales of some military equipment have continued under the vaguely worded embargo, imposed in 1989 following the clampdown on democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Some officials argue the proposed safeguards could even provide closer controls on what is sold.

The United States imposed its own arms embargo after the Tiananmen clampdown.

## N. Korean premier visits China amid U.S. pressure to resume talks

By JOE McDONALD  
The Associated Press

BELING — North Korea's visiting premier said Tuesday that Pyongyang might be willing to return to nuclear talks, a Chinese spokesman said, following the North's claim to have expanded its atomic arsenal.

"If conditions are right in the future, North Korea is willing at any time to participate at the six-party talks," Premier Pak Pong Ju told his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, according to a spokesman for the

Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The spokesman, Liu Jianchao, did not say what those conditions would be. But the North has demanded in the past that the United States end its "hostile policy" and apologize for having referred to it as an "outpost of tyranny." The North said last month it was boycotting the talks indefinitely.

Pak arrived in Beijing amid appeals by Washington for China's communist leaders to put their isolated ally back to the bargaining table and suggestions that Py-

ongyang might face sanctions if it does not cooperate.

Wen told Pak the six-nation talks were the "only real, pragmatic way to resolve the nuclear issue," according to Liu. The two leaders met at the Great Hall of the People, the seat of China's parliament, in central Beijing.

Pak also was scheduled to meet President Hu Jintao. His trip includes a stop in Shanghai, the country's financial capital.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, vis-

iting Beijing, hinted at sanctions Monday, saying that if it failed to produce a non-nuclear North Korea, "We'll have to look at other options."

Rice said she appealed for China to use its status as the North's main ally and aid donor to draw Pyongyang back to the talks, which also include South Korea, Japan and Russia.

In Washington, a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the Bush administration believes Beijing can do more to get North Korea back to the talks.

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## China honors U.S. fighter pilots from World War II

## Flying Tigers helped defend against Japan

The Associated Press

BELING — China has erected a memorial to the Flying Tigers, a band of U.S. fighter pilots who defended China against Japan during World War II, the government said Tuesday.

The sculpture wall was erected in Kunming, capital of the southwestern province of Yunnan, where the Tigers maintained their planes, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing memorial designer Yu Chuan.

Construction of the memorial was started to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, Xinhua said.

Local officials hope it can become a major tourist attraction.

The Tigers were a volunteer band of U.S. military men sent in secret to Asia by President Frank-

lin D. Roosevelt before the United States entered World War II. They joined an air force organized for China by Claire Lee Chennault, a retired U.S. Army colonel.

The memorial, measuring 13 feet tall and 490 feet wide, features a sculpture of Chennault and scenes of the Tigers' victories and their cooperation with local Chinese, Xinhua said.

The Flying Tigers had fewer than 100 pilots and 55 planes. They flew for only nine months, until U.S. forces arrived in China in May 1942 and absorbed the unit.

The Tigers have become a potent symbol of Chinese-U.S. unity, and communist authorities readily overlook the fact that they fought for the leftists' bitter enemies — the Nationalists who ruled China in the 1930s and '40s.

# U.S. official: Missiles missing in Nicaragua

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Nicaragua's security forces no longer control "several hundred" shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that were once in that country's arsenal — including the super-accurate Soviet bloc SA-16s and SA-18s highly sought by terrorists, a U.S. official said Monday.

The missing surface-to-air missiles are the reason the Bush administration on Monday announced it was halting \$2.3 million in military aid to Nicaragua until the government destroys about 1,000 SA-7s it acknowledges holding, the official said.

The official, who asked to remain anonymous, briefed reporters accompanying Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on a visit to Argentina, Brazil and Guatemala.

Rumsfeld called the 1,000 missiles known to be held by Nicaragua a "very attractive weapon" for "terrorists who are anxious to threaten people."

But the U.S. official said the issue for the United States is to force Managua to launch a no-holds-barred search for the missing missiles, bought from the Soviet Union by the Marxist-led Sandinista government in the 1980s.

## Rumsfeld, Argentine defense minister discuss stronger ties, joint exercises

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his Argentine counterpart on Tuesday discussed the expansion of scientific cooperation and joint military exercises, with the Pentagon chief praising stronger ties between the two nations.

Rumsfeld and Defense Minister Jose Pampuro also focused on Argentina's role in U.N. peacekeeping operations in Haiti, where 550 troops are participating in the 10-month-old international mission.

Pampuro told reporters in a brief statement that the operation is a "remarkable example of regional responsibility." After landing in March 2004 to halt violence, the U.S. military turned

over the mission in Haiti to allies, but the peacekeepers have been criticized for inaction in the face of widespread violence.

Following the meeting, Rumsfeld said he and Pampuro discussed ways to expand scientific and technological cooperation. They also discussed further joint military exercises.

"The relationship between the United States and Argentina continues to strengthen," Rumsfeld said, adding that "the people of Argentina can take pride in their important global role."

The Bush administration has encouraged Argentina to increase security in the "triple frontier" region along its borders with Brazil and Paraguay. Rough jungle terrain and lax controls in the area have raised fears of criminal and terrorist elements operating at will.

ragua to destroy all shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that it purchased from the Soviet bloc during the Sandinistas' 1980s war against the CIA-backed contras.

The Sandinistas surrendered power after losing the 1990 presidential election, amid widespread rumors that they had hidden away large weapons caches. About 20 SA-7s were recovered from the house of former Sandinista Interior Minister Tomas Borge after a 1993 explosion flattened it.

A 2003 report by the Organization of American States also noted that Nicaraguan authorities hadn't kept proper track of the sale of more than 5,000 in military surplus AK-47s that wound up in the hands of Colombian paramilitary fighters.

Under current President Enrique Bolanos the government destroyed half its 2,000 SA-7s and offered Washington full access to warehousing information on the rest. But the Sandinista and anti-Bolanos blocs in Congress recently adopted a law blocking the destruction of the last missiles without congressional approval.

U.S. officials have previously expressed concerns that the SA-7s known to be in military warehouses could wind up in the hands of terrorists and argued that no peaceful country has any good use for such missiles.

## Panel blocks U.S. deal

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A Taiwanese legislative committee on Tuesday further delayed the passage of a special budget to buy a multibillion dollar U.S. weapons package.

Opposition lawmakers have been holding up the budget for months, saying the submarines, Patriot missiles and anti-submarine planes cost too much and that the purchase could spark an arms race with China that would bankrupt Taiwan.

The government recently cut the budget to \$15.29 billion but opposition lawmakers said the price still was too high.

Tuesday's talks at a legislative procedural committee were the first on the weapons deal since a new legislature took office early last month. The opposition maintained a slim majority in last December's legislative elections.

The committee — which sets the agenda for full legislative meetings — failed to list the weapons deal on issues to be considered by the legislature at its next meeting.

The government has said Taiwan needs the new weapons because the island's biggest security threat, China, has significantly increased its defense budget in recent years. Officials warn that Beijing's aggressive arms buildup will tilt the military balance in favor of China.

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## Israel hot topic at summit

ALGERES, Algeria — Arab leaders said Tuesday that Israel cannot expect peace and normalized ties with the Arab world if it does not make concessions and give up occupied lands.

The remarks opened a two-day Arab summit marked a clear shift away from Jordanian proposal that Arab leaders had already rejected. In what would have been a dramatic change in Arabs' peace strategy, Jordan had suggested that Arab League members offer diplomatic ties to Israel before it returns occupied lands.

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa told the summit that Israel should not expect "the Arabs will make concessions and even normalize without anything real in return."

"This shouldn't be," he said. "It should be commitment for commitment. Then we can reach a balanced peace and close the is-

sues of the conflict in order to establish relations in parallel with the withdrawal and the establishment of a Palestinian state."

Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the summit host, said peace with Israel remains an "Arab strategic option." But he said it should be based on Israel returning all lands it seized in a 1967 Middle East war.

## Terror suspect nabbed

MANILA, Philippines — An Indonesian terror suspect, arrested in connection with bombings last month that killed eight people in three Philippine cities, said Tuesday that the leader of the Abu Sayyaf group ordered similar attacks this week in Manila and the southern Mindanao region.

The man, identified as Rohmat, alias Zaki, allegedly a member of the regional al-Qaida-linked terror network Jemaah Islamiyah, also claimed he trained Abu

Sayyaf militants in bomb making and served as a liaison between the two groups.

Rohmat was arrested last Wednesday at a checkpoint in Datu Saudi Ampatuan town in Maguindanao province after being found carrying a 45-caliber pistol, military deputy chief of staff Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adam announced Tuesday.

## Prince Rainier in ICU

MONACO — Prince Rainier III of Monaco, who was hospitalized two weeks ago with a chest infection, has been placed in the intensive care unit, the palace said Tuesday.

After a marked improvement, "a recurring pulmonary infection required that the prince be transferred into an intensive care unit," the palace said in a statement.

The 81-year-old Rainier, whose movie-star wife, Grace Kelly, died in a 1952 car crash, has a history of heart problems and

has suffered from poor health in recent years.

Monaco is nestled on the Mediterranean Coast between Italy and the French Riviera.

## Arms smugglers guilty

AMMAN, Jordan — A military court convicted three Iraqis on Tuesday of smuggling rockets and hand grenades into Jordan, in connection with a plot to attack U.S. and Israeli targets in the kingdom.

Only two of the men are in police custody; their 15 year sentences were immediately commuted to 7½ years with hard labor. They said they'd appeal.

The third, Muawiyah Muhanna, was sentenced to 15 years in absentia.

The men were arrested Oct. 12, 2003, when police stopped their vehicle — carrying concealed weapons — at a roadblock on a highway just west of Amman.

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## FACES

# Living to a new beat

## Rapper uses chaotic life for debut album

BY SUSAN CARPENTER  
Los Angeles Times

## HOLLYWOOD

It's hard to say which is more interesting: M.I.A.'s background or her music. Beginning as a youth on the run from authorities, continuing as a teen refugee in London and now as an artist with what is likely to be one of the most written-about albums of 2005, the 27-year-old daughter of a Sri Lankan rebel has lived a tragic yet extraordinary life.

Already, M.I.A.'s electro-Bollywood-hip-hop has generated gargantuan interest among pop tastemakers, all of it based on a single song, "Gangnam," named one of last year's 10 best singles in Rolling Stone's critics' poll, is an intensely rhythmic culture clash that draws heavily on American gangsta rap and Hindi film, Jamaican dancehall, Europop and multiculti gibberish.

M.I.A.'s debut album, "Arular," out April 25 from XL Recordings, is a more in-depth exploration of the singer's refugee eclecticism.

Vacillating between attitude and innocence, her songs are tough-talking raps, but they're softened by a Hindi vocal style that ends lines of lyrics with curlicue uperings.

M.I.A.'s sold-out performance at the Knitting Factory Hollywood was equally iconoclastic. Waving her hands and self-consciously pacing the stage before a DJ and swirling lights, she was half hip-hop brava-do and half "how did I get here?"

"It kind of shocked me that there were so many people that knew the songs," M.I.A. said the next day. "My album's not out."

Born Maya Arulpragasam in London, she moved to Sri Lanka with her family when she was 6 months old. It was 1978, and tensions between the country's two ethnic groups were growing. M.I.A. and her family were Tamil in a country dominated by Sinhalese; her father was part of a militant group seeking independence.

Rebel activities kept her father separated

from the family and her family on the run for the next decade. An uncle helped move M.I.A.'s family back to Sri Lanka. In their native country, they at least had a support system, even if the war was in full swing. M.I.A. was 10 when her family settled in a housing project in London. Until then, her only contact with music was Bollywood films, television theme songs and bootleg tapes of Michael Jackson and Boney M. In England, she had a radio and a lot of cultural catching up to do. Madonna and Bananarama were her guides.

In 1988, rap still held a sort of outsider appeal that immediately connected with the young South Asian transplant. M.I.A. didn't understand English, but she connected with the rhythm.

M.I.A. never intended to be a rapper or even a musician. She wanted to be an artist. As a student at St. Martin's Art School in London, she began exploring film. But when an art gallery asked her to contribute work to a show, she branched out to painting.

It was her paintings that brought M.I.A. into contact with Justine Frischmann, former leader of the rock band Elastica, who commissioned her to create the cover art for its 2000 album, "Menace." Frischmann also asked M.I.A. to accompany the group on its U.S. tour, videotaping their shows.

Electro pioneer Peaches was touring with the band and encouraged M.I.A. to begin experimenting with the primitive sequencing machine that had become her stock in trade—a Roland MC-505.

She predicted M.I.A. would be singing along to the beats she was building one year later, but M.I.A. resisted. Tone deaf and lacking the self-confidence to front her own band, she recruited four singers for the job.

"I thought that I did what I did because I couldn't sing—that when other people did it, they were going to do it better, but my stuff had a certain thing to it. They couldn't even understand what I was doing."



LATWP

M.I.A., the 27-year-old daughter of a Sri Lankan rebel, is giving world music a makeover with an exotic hip-hop/electronic hybrid that blends a youth spent on the run from authorities with the urban eclecticism she found upon moving to London as a refugee.

### Pat O'Brien checks into rehab

Television host Pat O'Brien, anchor of "The Insider" news magazine show, has entered an alcohol rehabilitation program, he said in a written statement Sunday.

"I have had a problem with alcohol. I have decided to take action by checking myself into an intensive recovery program," the 57-year-old broadcast journalist said.

There were no details about the recovery facility or when O'Brien entered the program. The show's New York host, Lara Spencer, will take over during O'Brien's absence.

### Celebrities can't avoid slime

With top stars including Frankie Muniz, Lil Romeo and Hilary Duff lined up to present this year's Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards, there could be a serious shortage of green slime. The trademark booby-prize of Nickelodeon's audience-participation shows. Last year, the Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen got the honor.

Other Hollywood A-listers who have signed up as program presenters include Chris Rock, Halle Berry, Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Jimmy Fallon, Will Ferrell and Amber Tamblyn.

"I think I'm going to be bringing a change of clothes," said the show's host, Ben Stiller.

Rapper/actor Will Smith and the punk-pop quintet Simple Plan are among the musicians scheduled to perform during the show, which will be broadcast live on the Nickelodeon cable television network.

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# Blake speculates on wife's killer

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In his first television appearance since being acquitted last week in the killing of his wife, actor Robert Blake said Tuesday he does not know who killed Bonny Lee Bakley but speculated it could have been "somebody whose father was taken for a ride."

Appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," Blake was asked by veteran television jour-

nalist Barbara Walters, "Do you have any idea who did it?"

Blake paused and said, "She led that kind of life, where she made a lot of enemies and somebody ... somebody whose father was taken for a ride or something like that. I don't know. I don't know."

Walters also asked Blake why he lashed out at a reporter at a news conference following his acquittal Wednesday. The actor told a reporter to "shut up" when asked if

he knew who had killed Bakley.

"What I meant by 'shut up' is I mean I would like to have everybody stop killing Bonny now," Blake said. "Everybody is making a buck on Bonny. It's like, you know, America now is filling their rice bowl any way they can. They're still picking Princess Diana's bones."

Jurors acquitted Blake of first-degree murder and one count of solicitation of murder in

the May 4, 2001, killing of Bakley, who was shot in a car outside a restaurant where the couple had just dined.

Blake had previously appeared in a separate interview with Walters before his acquittal, claiming he had reason to live for his daughter, Rosie.

"It's all about Rosie. It's always been about Rosie," Blake said in that interview. "The greatest gift in the world, and I'm going to try to mess it up by being selfish?"

## Comedian: Jackson accuser's mom scared

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A comedian who gave \$20,000 to the family of the boy now accusing Michael Jackson of molestation testified Tuesday that she received a tearful phone call from the boy's mother that led her to believe the family was being held against its will.

Comedian Louise Palanker said she tried to get in touch with the mother after seeing the TV documentary "Living With Michael Jackson."

Palanker was called by the prosecution to support the charge that Jackson conspired to hold the family captive in order to get them to make a rebuttal video praising Jackson.

On the witness stand, Palanker said that soon after she left a message with the boy's grandparents, the mother called her and sounded frightened.

"She was extremely agitated and she was almost whispering. ... This was fear-based agitation," Palanker said.

Palanker quoted the mother as saying: "Don't call me back here. They're listening to everything I say. These people are evil."

Palanker did not say where the mother was at the time of the call. The comedian said she called her attorney afterward because "I felt that they were being held against their will."

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# YOUR MONEY

## IRS willing, able to speed move for audits to expose tax cheats

By MARY DEIBEL  
Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — Your chances of a tax audit are on the rise again: More than 1 million taxpayers were audited last year and President Bush's latest budget includes a \$500 million increase for beefed-up enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service.

Paced with federal deficits as far as the eye can see, what better way is there to bring dollars into federal coffers than to crack down on tax cheats and close the "tax gap," the \$300 billion difference between what taxpayers owe and what they pay each year? "Funding IRS enforcement is a wise investment, particularly in a time of deficit reduction," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said.

"And enforcement more than pays for itself: Direct enforcement brought in \$43 billion in revenue last year, and that doesn't count indirect enforcement's impact on friends, neighbors and coworkers who comply when they hear about an audit or read about the criminal indictment of someone they know."

Faced with polls showing that 17 percent of Americans think it's OK to cheat on their taxes, up from 11 percent six years ago, the IRS has stepped up its crackdown on "abusive" tax shelters and increased the number of audits of individuals to more than 1 million. Also, tax scofflaws should know that the IRS is now empowered to hire private debt collectors. They were approved by Congress and Bush as part of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and will be able to keep up to 25 percent of any debts they collect from tax cheats.

Attorney Chi Chi Wu of the National Consumer Law Center says the consumer groups will be on guard for any signs of abuse. The Federal Trade Commission reports that debt collectors caused more com-

plaints than any other industry last year, ranging from telephone calls at all hours to threats to tell your boss or send you to jail.

Everson won't say what triggers a tax audit "for obvious reasons" but concedes that taxpayers whose return looks "way out of line" for their income level and family size have a better chance of getting an IRS look-see.

Financial counselor Eric Tyson, co-author of "Taxies 2005 for Dummies," advises the following in the booklet receipt for any expense:

■ Audit your return for accuracy before you send it in: Did you attach all W-2 wage and tip forms; check your math; make sure all Social Security numbers and your address are correct; and sign and date your return?

■ Did you declare all your income? IRS computers will crosscheck your paychecks, dividend and interest statements, pension and Social Security payments, alimony, child support, state and local taxes.

■ Don't cut corners if you're self-employed: Anyone who pays more than \$600 will file a 1099 form with the IRS. Also, the self-employed should keep receipts for any expense of \$75 or more and keep detailed diary notations for lesser expenses.

■ Stay away from backstreet refund mills and tax scams, especially offshore bank and brokerage accounts and credit cards and bogus trusts.

■ Don't itemize — unless you can legitimately claim each and every item.

Also consider that many tax breaks don't go only to itemizers.

Some "above-the-line" write-offs, claimed on Line 24 of your 1040 form even if you take the standard deduction, are specific to occupations. For example, the IRS allows farmers and reservists can deduct travel, meals and lodging expenses if they travel more than 100 miles from home as part of their duties.

## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

# Force-retirement to every service

The Defense Department has asked Congress to resurrect separation incentives and forced-retirement authorities from the post-Cold War drawdown era to be used more sparingly today as "force-shaping tools."

The Navy and Air Force, the only two services now executing force cuts, likely would be the first to use the new authorities, said Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. But the Army and Marine Corps might use them, too, as they build "a different type of force" than now fielded. A whimsical example Abell used is if the Army finds it no longer needs "analog trash truck drivers."

The Navy, which will cut 25,000 sailor billets by 2007, and the Air Force, which plans to trim 2,300 annual next year, are "more likely to want these force-shaping tools," Abell said, so "they don't have to throw out the good and the bad together." That's really what this is about: appropriate management of human capital.

Abell commented during a break in testimony March 16 before the House subcommittee on military personnel, where the main topic was the difficult recruiting environment faced by U.S. ground forces and most reserve components as a result of the war in Iraq and an improving U.S. job market.

"It may seem counterintuitive that we would ask for these authorities at the same time that we're struggling to recruit and retain," Abell told the panel. "But these

are for force shaping. It is not about getting rid of folks. It's about keeping the right folks and right skill and experience mix."

### What to do with iXs

In other news, Abell said DOD leaders have not reached a final decision on whether 28,000 retirees with VA disability ratings of "100" — individuals deemed unable to perform military service — will see their military retired pay fully restored back to Jan. 1 under an "accelerated conversion receipt" provision in the 2005 defense authorization bill. "We're going to sort it out," Abell said. He declined to guess when, with lawyers involved.

### Enrollment fee reversal

A Bush administration initiative to charge nondisabled, non-poor veterans an annual enrollment fee of \$250 to use Department of Veterans Affairs health care appears to be dead in the Senate.

After embracing the idea two weeks ago, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said he now supports an amendment to kill the enrollment fee sponsored by fellow Republican Sens. John Ensign of Nevada, Jay Bailey of Utah and David Vitter of Louisiana. "I don't think he [Craig] is the enrollment fee unreasonable," said Craig spokesman Jeff Schrade. "But you do what you can to help veterans."

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## MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg	52-week Low
11,504.46	9,702.00	+24.35	+0.18	9,702.00
3,889.97	2,743.46	+1.11	-0.03	2,743.46
353.52	259.06	+0.08	+0.03	259.06
7,465.08	6,211.33	+24.35	+0.18	6,211.33
1,539.14	1,120.74	+0.08	+0.03	1,120.74
2,191.09	1,750.82	+0.08	+0.03	1,750.82
1,223.11	1,064.72	+0.08	+0.03	1,064.72
549.78	449.78	+0.08	+0.03	449.78
656.11	513.59	+0.08	+0.03	513.59
12,108.53	10,362.52	+0.08	+0.03	10,362.52

NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Apple	36,292	11,801	+1.11	+0.03
Microsoft	26,877	20,610	+1.11	+0.03
Amazon	20,610	15,443	+1.11	+0.03
Google	15,443	11,801	+1.11	+0.03
Facebook	11,801	8,646	+1.11	+0.03
Twitter	8,646	6,489	+1.11	+0.03
LinkedIn	6,489	4,332	+1.11	+0.03
Walmart	4,332	3,175	+1.11	+0.03
Home Depot	3,175	2,018	+1.11	+0.03

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
Boeing	127.07	124.07	+0.82	+0.65
Lockheed Martin	100.25	98.44	+0.34	+0.34
Raytheon	88.11	86.44	+0.14	+0.16
General Dynamics	88.11	86.44	+0.14	+0.16
Northrop Grumman	88.11	86.44	+0.14	+0.16
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
Japanese yen (March 23)	102.00	102.00	0.00	0.00
South Korean won (March 19)	977.00	977.00	0.00	0.00
Euro cents (March 21)	\$1.3699	\$1.3699	0.00	0.00
Dollar buys (March 21)	67.37	67.37	0.00	0.00
Commercial rates				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
Bahraini (March 21)	0.377	0.377	0.00	0.00
British pound	\$1.8987	\$1.8987	0.00	0.00
Singapore (Dollar)	0.6977	0.6977	0.00	0.00
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	5.6564	5.6564	0.00	0.00
Denmark (Krone)	6.5654	6.5654	0.00	0.00
Euro (Euro)	0.7177	0.7177	0.00	0.00
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.799	7.799	0.00	0.00
India (Rupee)	48.25	48.25	0.00	0.00
Iceland (Krona)	96.913	96.913	0.00	0.00
Israel (Sheqel)	105.04	105.04	0.00	0.00
Japan (Yen)	106.853	106.853	0.00	0.00
South Korea (Won)	3.7599	3.7599	0.00	0.00
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3699	1.3699	0.00	0.00
South Korea (Won)	1.3699	1.3699	0.00	0.00
Thailand (Baht)	34.8552	34.8552	0.00	0.00
Turkey (New Lira)	1.3355	1.3355	0.00	0.00

NASDAQ				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
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Microsoft	26,877	20,610	+1.11	+0.03
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## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Security alert

The next most important issue, operating system upgrades/installations, was cited by 16 percent.

"Security is moving from being regarded largely as a defensive measure to one that has become an integral part of systems design," said Katherine Spencer Lee, executive director of Robert Hall Technology, a Menlo Park, Calif.-based staffing service for IT professionals that commissioned the survey.

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
Gold	\$431.10	\$431.10	0.00	0.00
Silver	\$7.97	\$7.97	0.00	0.00

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate				
Name	High	Low	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
Prime rate	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00
Discount rate	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00
3-month bill	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.00
3-month bill	2.81	2.81	0.00	0.00
3-month bill	2.81	2.81	0.00	0.00

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7:30 Disney (12)		7:15 World News		7:15 World News		7:30 Covid-19 News		8:00 M. Choice	
8:00 Disney Drama: Legends in Paris (4)		8:15 World News		8:15 World News		8:00 M. Choice		8:00 M. Choice	
<b>Afternoon</b>		9:15 World News Hour		9:15 World News Hour		10:00 U.S. Movie (1995): Bad Boys (2:00)		11:00 T. Choice	
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## Casino cleared

**NV** LAS VEGAS — Harrah's Laughlin hotel-casino cannot be held responsible for the death of a motorcycle gang member during an April 2002 melee between the Mongols and the Hells Angels, a federal jury decided.

The widow of Anthony Barreras, 43, a member of the Mongols, had claimed Harrah's knew weeks before the annual Laughlin River Run of the potential for violence and failed to increase security. In all, two people were killed and 12 hospitalized.

## Mayor, 22, to run again

**PA** MOUNT CARBON — The mayor of a tiny Schuylkill County borough whose election victory at age 18 sparked nationwide interest is seeking a second term.

"I'm doing it," Jeffrey Dunkel said. "I wasn't going to, but I'm doing it."

Dunkel's election victory in 2001 — he ran unopposed in the general election and won with 43 votes — garnered widespread interest, and he appeared on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and the "Today" show.

Now 22, the Democrat also will run for a seat on borough council in the community of 100 residents.

"If I get knocked off [as mayor], I'll still have something to fall back on, so I can stay involved with the borough," said Dunkel, who is working as a landscaper and learning to become an electrician.

## Hawaiian dairy closing?

**HI** HONOLULU — The state's largest dairy farm is considering closing because of high transportation, feed and other costs.

The possible closure of Pacific Dairy could reduce local milk supplies by more than 20 percent on top of years of steady decline.

The 10-year-old company, which has about 1,200 milk cows on 42 acres in Waiānana, is already thinning its herd by sending newborn calves to the mainland.

"We'd like to stay [but] we're looking at options," said Robie Ann Dorvold, the dairy's administrative manager. "It's tough, very tough."

Pacific Dairy, which employs 22 people, is the latest dairy to consider closing. Dairy farms, which receive only about one-third of the retail price of milk, are facing rising shipping and land costs, urban encroachment, environmental regulations and stagnant sales.

The mainland milk is usually about one week older than locally produced milk.

The state is now trying to promote Hawaii milk by raising local milk awareness and interest through advertising.

## Boy testifies in assault

**NH** LACONIA — A 13-year-old boy told jurors an evening that was supposed to be spent baking muffins turned violent when his mother and stepfather attacked his 10-year-old brother.

The boy testified that his stepfather, Steven Weiner, 44, of Belmont, told down his brother while his mother put a steak knife to the younger brother's arm last September.

Weiner has pleaded not guilty.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

The children's mother, Jacqueline Weiner, will be tried separately on charges she abused both children.

The older boy testified that he and his brother were in the yard when Steven Weiner picked up the younger child by the arm and leg and took him into the house "crying and screaming."

The boy said he and his brother were sent to their rooms upstairs, then heard their parents fighting. The couple then called the boys back down and hit the older boy in the head before sending him back to his room, the 13-year-old said.

From his room, he said, he heard kicking and punching. He also said he was called back down several times, including one time when his brother was face-down on the floor. The older boy said his parents wanted him to berate his brother.

When the boy later returned and saw his mother holding the knife to his brother, he said he grabbed a cordless phone and ran to a neighbor's yard, where he hid behind a fence and called 911.

## He's a cheap date

**LA** LA PORTE CITY — Stu Hemesath has earned \$29.95 — as a prom date.

The high school senior from La Porte City auctioned himself off as a date on the Internet auction site eBay. He will accompany Rachel Kay, 17, to her Cedar Falls prom.

The two say they have never met.

Hemesath said the idea just



## Hello, Dali

Robert Miller finishes placing a likeness of Salvador Dali on the front steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The museum is hosting an exhibit of the surrealist's works through May 16, and is the only U.S. venue to house the exhibit.

came to him as he was "thinking about proms and stuff."

"I came to school with a thought in my head, and I told my friends," he said. "They thought it was the coolest thing in the world, so I decided to go for it." Hemesath wasn't shy about his description, saying he's 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, popular and a wrestler. He added: "I have a lot of girls telling me I'm pretty hot."

Kay said she made her bid in an attempt to make an ex-boyfriend jealous.

"I didn't think I'd actually win. I was just playing around," she said. "He looks like a pretty nice guy. I thought his write-up was pretty funny. He says he's a wrestler, so that's good."

## Nazi show stays on

**VT** BURLINGTON — John Long will be able to continue broadcasting a cable television show that glorifies Nazis, insults blacks and homosexuals and has shown videos of the beheadings of hostages in Iraq. The board of the Community Access cable channel says Long's show is ugly and confrontational, but the Vermont Community Access Media's mission is to support "unfettered free speech."

## Embezzlement charges

**KY** BOWLING GREEN — Bowling Green's chief financial officer was arrested by the FBI and charged with embezzlement in an alleged scheme blamed for skimming millions of dollars in city funds. Davis Cooper was hired as city treasurer in 1980 and was promoted to chief financial officer in 2002.

## No Native American Day

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — The Legislature effectively killed a bill that would set aside the second Monday in October as Native American Day. Oklahoma is home to 39 tribes. In the 2000 census, 254,810 Oklahomans identified themselves as one-race Indians. Only California has more Indian residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

## Zippy the fugitive

**MA** MIDDLEBORO — Zippy the pit bull is on the run.

At least, that's according to animal control officers who must find the dog and its owner, Austin Zipp, after a judge ordered the animal destroyed after months of legal wrangling, dog-nappings and other intrigue. The Enterprise of Brockton reported.

On May 4, Zippy attacked Middleboro Animal Control Officer William Wyatt as he was writing out a leash law citation. Wyatt had spotted Zippy and another dog running loose outside Zipp's used car dealership, and was bitten as he was writing the ticket.

Both dogs were taken to the shelter and quarantined. Three weeks later, selectmen approved Wyatt's recommendation that the dog be destroyed. Zipp appealed, claiming the dog would never bite anyone.

"I hope to God the dog is either surrendered or bitten in before it hurts someone else," Wyatt said.



## Poppy-lar march

Participants in the Bataan Memorial Death March walk past Mexican poppies at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The event commemorated a forced prisoner-of-war march in the Philippines during World War II.



## Battle memories

Union re-enactors fight for Morris Farm at the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site in Four Oaks, N.C. The activities marked the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville, the largest Civil War battle fought in North Carolina.





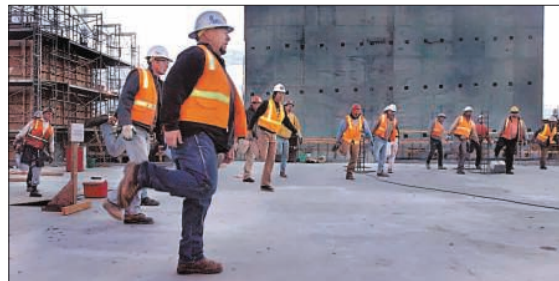
**Passion re-enactment**  
Members of the Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, with Juan de Dios Garcia as Jesus, re-enact the Passion of Christ during a Palm Sunday Mass at the site of their soon-to-be-built church in Las Vegas.



**Slick wedding**  
Newly married Jan Barrick and John Noble of Manlius, N.Y., are greeted by well-wishers at Toggenburg Ski Center in Fabius, N.Y.



**Sub cruise**  
The USS Augusta cruises along the Thames River from the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn., bound for sea on deployment.



**Flexible work**  
Workers with the Skanska construction company do stretching exercises before work at the Medford, Ore., Evergreen Way construction site. The warm ups, called flexible solutions, are part of a companywide program.

## Historic district OK'd

**PA** READING — The state's Historical Preservation Board has approved Reading's first national historic district.

The Queen Anne district, which encompasses about 50 square blocks in northwest Reading, was deemed an example of a largely intact working- and middle-class neighborhood built mostly in the late 19th and early 20th century.

About half its homes are in the Queen Anne style of Victorian architecture marked by wraparound porches, ornate woodwork, towers, open-beam ceilings and stained-glass windows and transoms.

Any Woldt-Johnson, the city's historic-preservation specialist, said 93 percent of the 2,583 buildings in the district are architecturally significant, meaning they were built in a recognized style that has stayed intact.

## No state homeland cash

**AL** MONTGOMERY — Two years after Alabama became the first state in the country to establish a separate homeland security department, the House approved a budget that strips state funding from the agency. Homeland Security Director Jim Walker said the loss of funding could make it difficult to continue as a separate agency. The agency receives most of its money from federal grants.

A relatively small appropriation from the state covers mostly administrative costs.

## Boy shot, killed at party

**TX** DALLAS — A North Texas high school football player was shot to death after a man opened fire at a party, police said.

Dallas Lincoln sophomore Pat Hill was shot and killed in Arlington when a man who was not invited to the party began firing indiscriminately moments after he was asked to leave, police said.

Hill, 16, was the backup free safety on last season's Class 4A Division II state finalist football team. He played mostly on special teams last season, but the team's coaches said they expected he would start next season and could someday play in college.

"I just can't believe this. He was like my little brother," said Courtney Herndon, a starter in the defensive secondary who was Hill's mentor last season. "It just hurts to see that he's gone."

Hill was shot once in the chest.

## Remote fire challenging

**MA** HINSDALE — Firefighters used their wits — and some snow — to battle a fire in a remote cabin.

About a dozen Hinsdale firefighters trekked three-quarters of a mile to the burning, one-story seasonal camp on Bullard's Crossing Road.

Since the road was not plowed, fire trucks and other vehicles could not reach the scene, and the firefighters had to carry their equipment — including five-gallon water cans on their backs — to reach the cottage.

They shoveled snow through a bedroom window and pumped water from the cans that usually

are used for brush fires to knock down the cabin's flames. Firefighters were at the scene for more than three hours.

Fire Chief Larry Turner said it was the first time his people ever had to use snow to put out a blaze.

The fire, which Turner labeled suspicious, burned out a room in the cabin.

## Witness to beatification

**HI** HONOLULU — Seventeen nuns of the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse will travel from Hawaii to Rome in May for the Catholic Church's beatification of Mother Marianne Cope.

The nuns will join other Hawaii residents for the May 15 ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican when Pope John Paul II will declare her "Blessed" Marianne Cope. The group will include some patients from the Kalaupapa Settlement on Molokai.

Cope was born in 1838 in Germany as Barbara Koob. She arrived in the United States two years later, settling with her family in Utica, N.Y. She took her religious vows in 1863 with the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

She helped establish St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica in 1866, and three years later helped form Syracuse's first hospital, now St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.

Mother Marianne arrived in Hawaii in 1883 to help Hansen's Disease patients at Kalaupapa. She died there in 1918.

She is the first woman with Hawaii ties to be on the path of sainthood in the Catholic Church.

## Budget exceeds cap

**CT** HARTFORD — Gov. M. Jodi Rell's two-year budget plan exceeds a state spending cap that was enacted in 1991 to curb spending after lawmakers passed a controversial state income tax.

Rell wants to break the cap to help struggling nursing homes. Some Democrats see the proposal as a sign they should rethink the cap, which more than 80 percent of voters approved in 1992.

## Nailing down a contract

**MI** GRAND RAPIDS — Members of the city's largest union, who have been working without a contract for more than two years, overwhelmingly approved a new labor agreement, union officials said. The contract included a retroactive raise of 2 percent for 2004 and 3 percent raises for 2005 and 2006. The contract covers 700 workers, according to Philip Pakiel, president of the Grand Rapids Employees Independent Union.

## Avoiding union dues

**WA** OLYMPIA — State workers in 10 bargaining units have filed petitions to leave their unions after their new contracts take effect. A law allowed state workers unions to negotiate pay for the first time last fall. Most unions agreed to contracts that included the first general pay raise since 2001. The agreements also require workers covered to pay dues or representation fees.

Some workers claim they were blindsided by the fees.

Stories and photos from wire services

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## Grads tower above The Donald's logic

BY DAVID E. DREW

THIS season on "The Apprentice," master showman Donald Trump pitted a college-educated team ("book smarts") against a team of successful businesspeople who did not graduate from college ("street smarts"). He suggested that this may reveal whether a college degree is worth it.

In developing this plot line, Trump has turned his own inconsistency and ambivalence to his advantage. In Season 1 of "The Apprentice," one reason he said he fired contestant Troy was that he lacked college education. In Season 2, he told another player, Kevin, that he had too many degrees and too little business experience.

Trump has since dissolved the "book smarts" and "street smarts" teams in a "corporate restructuring." But viewers have already absorbed the set-up: Who is better equipped for professional life, someone with a solid education or street cred? For better or worse, opinions are affected by TV reality shows. I know of one young woman who recently cited the early wins by Trump's "street smarts" team as justification for her decision several years ago to forgo college.

Having published books about the costs and benefits of a college education, I am fascinated by this TV theme. While the winner of a show developed to entertain viewers (which "The Apprentice" does splendidly), will not provide a definitive answer, it certainly has provoked many to debate the issue. Those who think college is overrated point to Bill Gates, a college dropout whose net worth exceeds that of anyone on the planet.

But decisions should be based on all the data, not the dramatic exceptions. Otherwise, it's like gambling in a Trump casino and assuming you will win because you saw a guy on TV who won a million dollars. The fact is, the odds are against you.

Trump announced in this season's first show that the net worth of the high school grads was three times that of the college grads. The noncollege grads even chose to

call their team "Net Worth." This discrepancy is not surprising and, in fact, the difference to compare net worth is quite clever. Notice that Trump didn't compare the current salaries or incomes of the two teams. The contestants are young — in their 20s and 30s. The more-educated team sacrificed four to six years of income while they pursued their studies. Their investment of time and lost income eventually should yield greater returns.

The plain facts are that the economic odds are against the high school graduate who does not continue his or her education. A recent study found that, over a lifetime, a college graduate can expect to make \$16,000 more per year than a high school graduate. This is due in part to the knowledge gained in college and only in part to the worship of credentials in American society.

In an economy where those entering the work force can expect multiple jobs and careers over their lifetime, learning how to learn, and critical thinking — both staples of the undergraduate experience — have become more important than learning a particular occupation.

College provides access to careers that are not open to noncollege grads. The American dream has always been that the poorest children among us have the opportunity to succeed; a college education has always been the main vehicle for moving from poverty to the middle class.

Furthermore, a liberal arts education leads to a better quality of life, even if it turns out that your earnings are not increased. A college education enlarges your worldview, introduces students to culturally enriching experiences, and forces students to review, question and solidify their core values. It essentially prepares a young person for the survival and success in middle-class America — for a leadership role.

Several years ago I was asked to be the lead academic planner for a new four-year college in Henderson, Nev., a suburb of Las Vegas. There is no better laboratory test case for assessing the costs and benefits of college than the Las Vegas area. More col-

leges desperately are needed there. Nevada ranks last — behind even Mississippi and Arkansas — in the percentage of high school grads who go to college.

Surprisingly, the college had bitter opposition. The opponents argued that a high school graduate can work in a casino or hotel and make a huge salary. For example, the valet parking people make more than \$60,000 per year, counting tips. (I realize that some people will spend standing at this point and start packing their bags to move to Las Vegas.) But to work in valet parking in "Sin City," you must be young and beautiful. The career path after getting "old" — say over 30 — is not so pretty. And, even if you could be assured that you could still park cars at 45, would you want to?

No matter who wins on "The Apprentice" this season, what students gain from a college education may make them winners in the business world and will enrich their lives in many other ways.

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## Rice knows U.S. needs India in its corner

The Dallas Morning News

SECURITY issues dominated Condoleezza Rice's visit to India last week. First the secretary of state had a slight row with Indian officials over possible U.S. sales of F-16 jets to Pakistan. Then there was a dustup over whether America should help India with nuclear power projects.

But Rice's stopover wasn't really about this or that agreement. It was about powering up America's relationship with India. The Bush administration first made an overture to India in 2001, but the events of

Sept. 11 overran the effort. It's good to see Rice restarting it. America needs a rapport with India for political and economic reasons.

The political part you can sum up in a word: China. A prosperous, democratic India will help buffer any threat from China to Asia, where China is already an economic powerhouse. It is in America's best interest to keep China from becoming the dominant Asian political force.

As the world's largest democracy, India certainly sees itself as an American friend. A Bush visit to India this year, which some

see as likely, would keep the countries working together to spread democracy.

You can sum up America's economic interest equally simply: American exporters can't ignore 1 billion Indians. U.S. firms are seeking cheap labor, but it's not so hot about India. India is producing plenty of engineers, a fact we Americans should emulate.

The next step is for India to compete in more than computer software and call centers ... From Dallas to Delhi, Americans and Indians have much to gain from a relationship. Rice has fortunately rebooted the discussion.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury



## OPINION

## Forcing one definition of human life on us all

When members of Congress and the president raced back to Washington over the weekend to intervene in the heart-wrenching case of Terri Schiavo, they inserted themselves into a controversial agenda that seeks to preserve life at any cost, regardless of science or circumstance.

Jane R. Eisner



This is not the first time these particular elected officials have done this. They are seeking to define life as something that starts earlier and must hold on longer than tradition has dictated.

In this, they are taking advantage of advanced technology that keeps alive the severely brain-impaired and personalizes the fetus.

This extreme position may be an inevitable response to our modern, medical ability to extend life, in all conditions. But it radically intrudes on the right of individuals to exert moral jurisdiction over their own lives.

There is disagreement, even within the oldest faith traditions, on when "life" begins, when the fetus' right to be born trumps the mother's right to decide whether and how to live, when ensoulment occurs and that mass of cells is developed enough to be called human.

Perhaps that is why we have long considered "life" to begin at the moment of birth. When the lungs spring into action and the umbilical cord is cut is the sharpest, clear-

est illustration of independent existence, and much in our social structure is based on that definition.

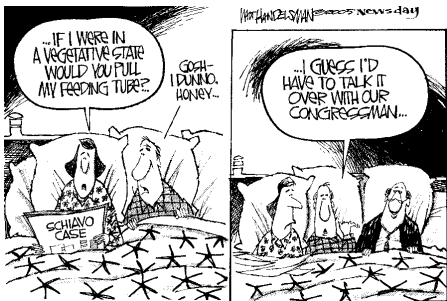
We may mourn when a fetus' journey through pregnancy is prematurely ended, either intentionally or by awful chance, but "birthday" still means the "day of birth."

Modern science has let us see the heretofore unseeable — the fetus floating in the womb — and conduct experiments on embryonic cells at their earliest stages. That allows us to do what we self-centered humans do: assume as human something that isn't.

So the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, signed into law last year, makes it a crime to harm or kill a fetus in the act of harming or killing the mother. The act is called not just "Laci's Law" for the pregnant Laci Peterson, who was killed by her husband. It's called "Laci and Conner's Law." The latter name was what the Petersons reportedly planned to use had a child been born. We're naming and therefore humanizing things not yet alive — naming them not only in our hearts and speech, but also in our laws.

Now the same is being done by Terri Schiavo's parents and their legion of supporters. Even though court-appointed physicians testified her brain damage was so severe that there was no hope she would ever have any cognitive abilities, Florida passed "Terri's Law" to prevent the removal of the feeding tube keeping her alive.

"Terri's Law" was an attempt — rightly struck down as unconstitutional — to define life rigidly by humanizing someone who has not been conscious in any traditional or meaningful sense for 15 long years.



Understandably, her parents have trouble letting go, letting their daughter slowly die, letting go of even the slimmest hope that she someday will recover something. I can't blame them for trying. Who among us would wish to walk in their shoes?

But our legal system exists to decide such wrenching issues. The law says that husband and legal guardian Michael Schiavo gets to decide, and the state courts have ruled repeatedly in his favor. It might have been simpler years ago had he relinquished legal guardianship to his estranged-in-laws, but he believed he was doing what his wife wanted. I'm not going

to pretend I can walk in his shoes, either. The problem with the new, rigid definition of "life" is that it idealizes life and ignores the reality of death. It ignores the fact that we choose, every day, to count the costs of caring for the living in social policy that privileges some needs over others.

By usurping individual and state prerogative to intervene in this case, federal officials are trying to force their particular definition of "life" on all others. In a nation that prizes thoughtful self-determination, I don't know who gave them that right.

Jane R. Eisner is a Philadelphia inquirer columnist.

## Terri Schiavo matters, in symbol and substance

Why does Terri Schiavo matter? Why has Congress made a federal case out of her situation? Why did the president of the United States return to Washington to sign a law?

Cal Thomas



Texas is about to sign a bill created for the express purpose of inviting a federal court to review the case, one requiring her feeding tube restored?

She matters, not only because she has an endowed, inalienable right to life, but also because she is a symbol — like Rosa Parks was a symbol when she refused to sit in the back of that Montgomery, Ala., bus; like Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, who symbolized freedom by defying Soviet authorities and chronicling the inhabitants and victims of the gulags; like astronauts who brave death to explore space. Symbols have meaning. Terri Schiavo is a symbol in the battle over life-and-death issues that inconveniently, but necessarily, confront us.

Opponents of federal intervention cry "hypocrisy" because conservatives pushing for a federal court review claim to support states' rights on issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage and think these matters should be left to the states under the 10th Amendment.

But the hypocrisy label can be turned around. Didn't liberals reject states' rights when it came to civil rights for African-Americans four decades ago, and didn't they make federal cases out of such things as integrated restrooms and universities? They supported sending federal troops to force integration on unwilling states. They

were right to do so then, and conservatives were right to ask the federal government to intervene after a Florida judge, in effect, ordered the murder of Terri Schiavo by denying her the feeding tube.

Then, as now, when an individual's civil and constitutional rights are denied by a state, there are instances when federal action is required. This is such an instance.

Terri Schiavo's life matters as symbol and substance. Her case is only the latest in a long series that forces us to choose between two philosophies of life.

One philosophy says we are mere material and energy shaped by pure chance. We are random universe, evolving from slime with no author of life, no purpose for living beyond what gives us pleasure and no destination after we die but the grave.

The other philosophy of life says we are created by an infinite, personal God who has a plan for every life in every situation and

circumstance and that no one should take a life except under the most extreme circumstances and only through due process or in self-defense.

The Schiavo case should not be viewed in isolation. It is part of a flow that began in modern times with abortion-on-demand and will continue, if not stopped, with euthanasia. Once a single category of life is devalued, all other categories quickly become vulnerable.

Girls who became pregnant by a drunken father and sought abortions were the symbolic beginning of a process that has resulted in abortion for any reason at any stage. Now we are targeting the infant, and soon the elderly will be in our sights because of the pressure on Social Security and Medicare. The "reasoning" will be: rather than raise taxes, reduce benefits or raise the retirement age, let's eliminate those who are the biggest "drain" on retirement resources — that is,

the elderly and infirm.

Having been conditioned to accept killing, even killing by the state according to an arbitrary standard of who is "fit" to live and who is not, it will be a short step to killing Grandma and Grandpa in their "assisted living" centers, which quickly will be transformed into centers for assisted dying.

Someone will produce a document or hear-say testimony that the elderly person would have "wanted to die" in such circumstances and never intended to be a "burden" to their children. The lawyer will be called, the will read and the inheritance distributed. It will be larger than what would have remained had it been spent on the recently departed.

These are the stakes, and how the Schiavo case is decided will determine what many of us will face in the future.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY







Fox trot



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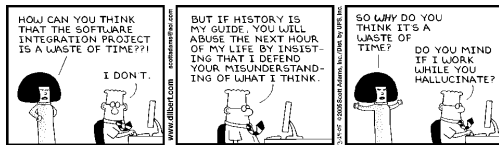
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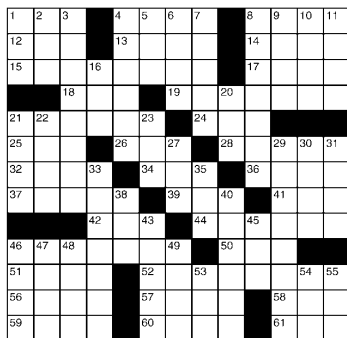
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF TWO PEOPLE WERE MARRIED FOR SIXTY YEARS, THAT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HIGH FIDELITY.

Today's Cryptquip: B equals L

# Teachers must not stifle free speech

**Dear Abby:** You printed a letter from a student who received detention for allegedly "disruptive" with her teacher during a discussion of world events. In your reply, you suggested that the writer's comment may have been "disruptive," justifying the detention, and advised that it would have been more "diplomatic" with her teacher in private. I take exception to your answer.

I am semi-retired now, but as a manager I had tremendous difficulty convincing subordinates that it was not only safe to disagree with me, but that I needed their frank opinions.

I trace this to a situation described by John Holt in his 1964 book, "How Children Fail," in which he points out that the education system kills creativity, teaching students to anticipate what the teacher wants to hear and to feed it back to him/her.

I am currently co-director of

the Master's in Health Physics Program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, engaged in the training of radiation safety professionals. It is essential that a safety professional be prepared to challenge his/her management when it proposes to do something that's contrary to law or regulation, or prejudicial to safe operation. The type of education described by Holt produces individuals who go along with management no matter what is proposed.

**Dear Abby**



It is despicable that a teacher would conduct a "discussion" in which she entertains only opinions that agree with her own and punishes those that don't. You should have supported the student.

— **Laurence F. Friedman, PH.D.**  
**Dear Dr. Friedman:** You're right. I should have. And thousands of readers write to tell me so. (The e-mails, printed out, weighed more than 15 pounds.)

**Read on:**

# Dog may be sniffing out trouble

**Dear Annie:** I have a rather delicate question, which I have not seen addressed in your column before.

We heard that there are some dogs that, because of their keen sense of smell, can detect cancers in humans. Last year, a gentleman in his 60s was at our farm, and our dog followed this gentleman around, constantly poking his nose at the man's posterior. This is not normal behavior for our dog. This man subsequently was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Since then, we have wondered if our dog has the ability to sniff out cancer. This past week, another gentleman the same age was at our farm, and the same thing happened. Should we let this man know what we think so he can get tested, even though we don't know him well? We would feel awful if he later learned this man was not aware of his cancer until it was too late.

— **Lassie's Mom**

**Annie's Mailbox**



**Dear Lassie's Mom:** With all due respect to your dog, sniffing a stranger's posterior is not proof of anything other than the fact that your dog is, well, a dog. However, you are right about recent studies indicating dogs can sniff out certain cancers. And it wouldn't be unusual for a 60-something man to have an early-stage prostate cancer. Of course, he may already know this.

Invite this man over again, and if your dog repeats his behavior, casually say, "You know, this may sound strange, but the last time Lassie followed someone around like that, the man discovered he had a medical problem. Perhaps you should make an appointment with your doctor."

**Dear Annie:** I am a single mother of two small children, and I work 50-60 hours a week. I grew up with an angry father who yelled at me constantly for doing everything wrong, and it planted a

**Dear Abby:** Your advice to the student to follow the "diplomatic" approach and wait until after class to comment was still reverberating in my mind when I moved on to a USA Weekend story, "First Amendment Rights Lost on Teens," describing a Knight Foundation poll of 100,000 students which found that the majority of them assign little or no value to their constitutional right to free speech. Your response to that makes me you part of the problem.

— **Upset in Santa Cruz**

**Dear Abby:** That teacher was behaving unprofessionally. I have been teaching for more than 20 years and have strong opinions of my own. One of them is that students be taught to think for themselves. The student should have been listened to with respect instead of punished.

— **Teacher in El Cerrito, Calif.**  
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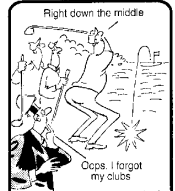
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Yesterday's Jumbles: KITTY LATCH CHOSEN LANCER

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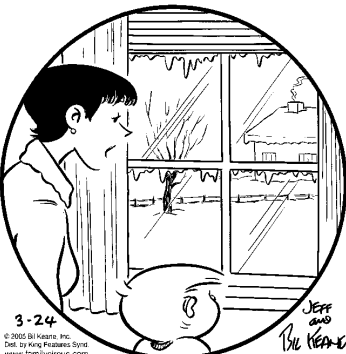
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



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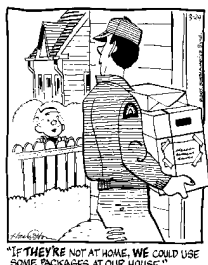
## Family Circus



"Oh, dear. I was dreaming of a green Easter."



Dennis the Menace



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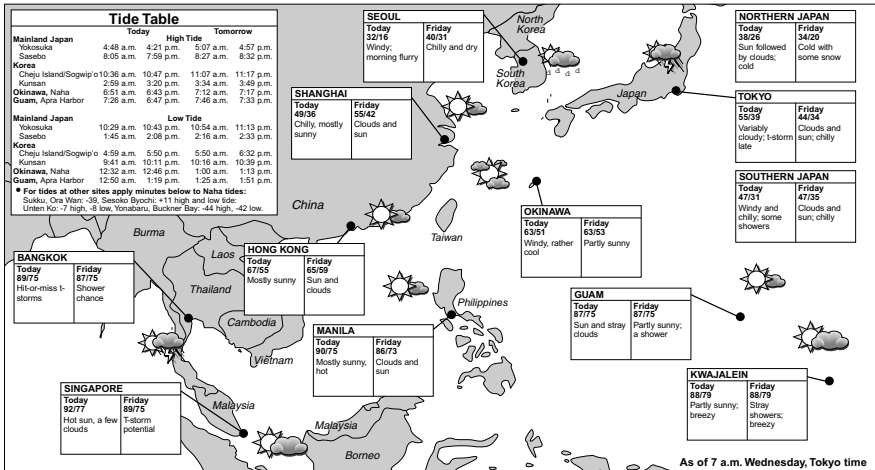
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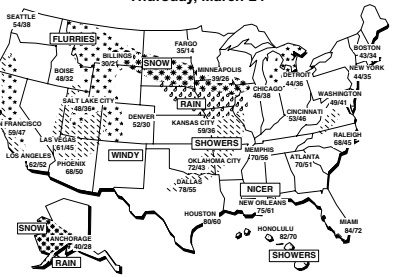
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Saturday: Partly sunny, high 50, low 44. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 55, low 43.	<b>KADENA</b> Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 54, low 59. Sunday: Rain, high 70, low 61.	<b>SEoul</b> Saturday: Partly sunny, high 54, low 33. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 31.	<b>MANILA</b> Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 73. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 75.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 85, low 77. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75.
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## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	61/40	Los Angeles	66/54
Amarillo	57/31	Little Rock	67/46
Anchorage	35/27	Louisville	50/45
Ashville	50/43	Miami	86/74
Baltimore	56/38	Milwaukee	38/28
Birmingham	65/52	Nashville	66/47
Bismarck	38/27	New York	54/38
Boise	51/38	Omaha	39/30
Boston	53/35	Orlando	86/68
Brownsville	89/57	Philadelphia	54/38
Buffalo	42/27	Phoenix	77/57
Burlington	44/22	Pittsburgh	49/38
Charleston, SC	71/61	Portland, OR	60/40
Charlotte	57/50	Portland, ME	49/28
Cleveland	47/35	Salt Lake City	52/29
Columbus, OH	50/41	St. Louis	46/35
Duluth	39/20	San Antonio	80/47
El Paso	68/45	San Diego	66/58
Hartford	55/32	San Juan	88/74
Helena	46/20	Tampa	83/68
Indianapolis	49/37	Tulsa	52/36
Jacksonville	77/66	Washington, DC	57/40
Kansas City	40/30	Wichita	47/33

## Thursday, March 24



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A slow-moving storm will spread some snow across portions of the northern and central Rockies Thursday. More coastal and valley rain and mountain snow will fall across the Pacific Northwest. Rain will end across the Northeast on Thursday, but clouds and drizzle will linger for much of the day. Another area of low pressure will organize in the East and bring another chance of rain to that region later Thursday and into the start of the weekend.

## Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/75	Wakani	49/29	Sapporo	48/31	Acapulco	90/70
Beijing	55/43	Kadena AB	63/51	Sasebo NB	38/26	Athens	65/56
Camp Casey	35/19	Kunsan AB	37/23	Seoul	32/16	Buenos Aires	75/57
Christchurch	68/47	Kwajalein	88/79	Shanghai	49/36	Cairo	75/48
Diego Garcia	88/80	Manila	90/75	Singapore	92/77	Cancun	88/72
Hagatna	75/65	Misawa AB	41/29	Sydney	72/54	Cape Town	82/59
Hanoi	82/51	Osan	37/19	Taegu	41/22	Geneva	60/46
Hong Kong	67/55	Perth	93/71	Taipei	63/46	Mexico City	82/50
Honolulu	82/70	Pusan	41/24	Tokyo	55/39	Montreal	42/28
						St. Petersburg	34/25
						Stockholm	47/41
						Warsaw	49/35

## Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/75	Wakani	49/29	Sapporo	48/31	Acapulco	90/70
Beijing	55/43	Kadena AB	63/51	Sasebo NB	38/26	Athens	65/56
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						Warsaw	49/35



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# Sours flat without Duncan

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Duncan was missed by the San Antonio Spurs, and Malik Rose made sure his former team missed him, too.

Rose knocked down a pair of 18-inch jumpers to complete a 14-0 run to start the fourth quarter, getting a measure of revenge against the team that traded him last month as the New York Knicks defeated the San Antonio Spurs 88-75 Monday night.

"It was definitely personal for him," teammate Jamal Crawford said.

Rose had 18 points — his most since joining the Knicks 10 games

ago — and seven rebounds against the team he spent the past 7½ seasons with.

Duncan was sidelined by a sprained ankle, and the Spurs were without the player used to back him up. Instead, Rose made the Knicks 10 games ago, replacing Kurt Thomas (infected elbow).

"In the beginning it was kind of nerve-racking. All day I was sitting around, couldn't really get a good nap or anything like that. I just wanted to get it over with," Rose said.

Stephen Marbury scored the Knicks' final 14 points of the third and finished with 31 points and 10 assists despite being guarded by

Bruce Bowen, one of the league's best defenders.

New York, trying to keep its slim playoff hopes alive, gained a game on the Orlando Magic and pulled within 3½ games of eighth-place Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference standings with 17 games remaining.

Devin Brown scored 22 points for the Spurs, who were held to their second-lowest point total of the season. Tony Parker added 14 points, but only four came after he started the game 5-for-5 and 10 points.

Duncan was placed on the injured list Monday and will be sidelined at least two weeks with a seriously sprained right ankle.

# Magic fall behind in playoff chase as Bobcats end 10-game streak

The Associated Press

The Orlando Magic can all afford to have any games slip away from them. Otherwise, their playoff hopes may disappear just as quickly.

The Magic blew a 16-point lead against expansion Charlotte in a 102-97 loss Monday night, ending the Bobcats' 10-game losing streak.

"It's frustrating, but we're going to get to the playoffs," Orlando's Dwight Howard said. "We've got 15 more games left. We can let any more slip away like this."

Orlando fell a half-game behind Philadelphia in the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Grant Hill with his head buried in his hands for almost 10 minutes. All around him, his Magic teammates seemed to be in a similar state of disbelief.

The Bobcats rallied in the second half, and got a running jumper from Brevin Knight with 12.4 seconds to play to help end their long losing streak.

The Magic went into the game without Steve Francis, who was suspended three games by the NBA earlier Monday for kicking a photographer last week. He sat out his first game Saturday — an Orlando victory — but the Magic couldn't make it two in a row without their star guard.

It made for a long night for interim coach Chris Jent, who dropped to 1-1 since taking over after Johnny Davis was fired last week amid a seven-game losing streak.

"They kept playing, they outplayed us," Jent said. "It takes a lot of commitment to play 48 minutes. We gave a great effort, but we played a half of basketball and that's not enough."

Hill led Orlando with 25 points and Howard had 21 points and 13 rebounds — but he scored just two points in the second half.

**Bulls 105, Hawks 91:** At Chicago, Eddy Curry scored 24 points in his return to the Bulls' lineup and Ben Gordon added 17.

Curry, the 6-foot-11 center who missed the Bulls' previous three games because of a strained left hamstring, was 8-for-13 from the field and 8-for-9 from the line.

Josh Smith scored 16 points to lead the Hawks, who are an NBA-worst 11-55, have lost five straight and 18 of their last 21 games.

**Mavericks 103, Hornets 86:** At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and eight rebounds, and rookie Devin Harris added a season-high 17 points for the Mavericks.

Dallas has won both games since Avery Johnson took over for Don Nelson on Saturday and has victories in five of its last six overall.

Rookie J.J. Smith had a season-high 27 points for the Hornets, who have lost eight games.

**Clippers 96, Trail Blazers 89:** At Los Angeles, Elton Brand and

Steve Nash led the Clippers to a season-high 25 points and 13 rebounds, and rookie Devin Harris added a season-high 17 points for the Trail Blazers.

Portland won its first losing season since 1988-89 (39-43) and only the fourth since the franchise won its only NBA title in 1976-77.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

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# Bonds might be out for season

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Barry Bonds said he might miss the entire season following his latest knee surgery.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season. I don't know. Right now I'm just going to take things slow," he said Tuesday after meeting with San Francisco Giants trainer Stan Conte for 1½ hours.

"I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30," Conte said Bonds went through a "normal rehab six days out of surgery" on Tuesday and that his knee looked as expected.

"I expect he'll progress as knee patients go," the trainer said, offering no prediction of when Bonds might be able to play.

The seven-time NL MVP, who returned to spring camp Tuesday following last week's surgery, made his remarks while sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side.

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations. He blamed his troubles on the media.

"You wanted me to jump off a bridge. I finally did," Bonds said. "You finally brought me and my

family down. ... So now go pick a different person."

Bonds had his latest surgery last Thursday in the Bay Area. Though the Giants have not set a timetable for his return, Conte has said it's unlikely he'll be ready for Opening Day.

"My son and I are going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me," Bonds said. "I'm mentally drained. I'm tired of my kids crying."

Bonds is third on the career homers list with 703, trailing Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755).

Last September, the Giants dropped a provision that would have allowed them to void Bonds' \$18 million salary in 2006 if he



AP

Last week Barry Bonds had his second arthroscopic surgery this winter on his right knee.

failed to reach 500 plate appearances this year or 1,500 combined from 2003 to 2005, including at least 400 this year.

# Dodgers' Gagne still tentative

The Associated Press

Eric Gagne was tentative in his first outing of spring training.

John Smoltz has been dominant in his return to Atlanta's starting rotation.

On Tuesday, Mariano Rivera will make his first relief appearance since March 1.

Gagne tried to adjust his pitching motion to protect his knee during one inning of work Monday, and Derek Lowe gave up two runs against his former team in the Dodgers' 6-4 loss to the Boston Red Sox at Vero Beach, Fla.

The Dodgers' closer hadn't pitched since he sprained a ligament in his knee on Feb. 24. On Monday, the right-hander took a quick hop after every pitch to prevent too much strain on the knee when his front leg landed.

"I tried to protect it and not put too much weight on it," Gagne said. "It feels pretty good right now. I knew it wouldn't feel good (during the game)."

Gagne limped back to the mound after every pitch in the 9th inning. He faced four batters, walked one, struck out one and got two groundouts.

"I don't think he was in top condition. He wasn't throwing correctly," pitching coach Jim Colborn said. "I expected that because in his last bullpen [session] he wasn't throwing cleanly. He was falling off the side of the mound."

Lowe gave up two runs and six hits in his first start as the Red Sox starter Bronson Arroyo. Lowe struck out three and walked two in five innings.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Smoltz pitched four-hit ball over five innings against St. Louis. He has allowed only nine hits in 14 scoreless innings this spring.

Smoltz won the NL Cy Young Award as a starter in 1996, but hasn't started since his first five games in a season since '99. He has insisted that a starting role will put less pressure on his troublesome right elbow than pitching in relief.

# Cubs' Borowski out at least six weeks

The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs reliever Joe Borowski will miss at least six weeks with a broken bone in his arm, another loss for a pitching staff already without Kerry Wood and Mark Prior.

Borowski sustained a non-displaced fracture in his right ulna when he was hit by a line drive in Monday's 12-5 loss to Kansas City. He's wearing a splint and will begin a throwing program when the healing process is complete, approximately six weeks.

The injury means the Cubs will have to scramble again to fill a hole on their pitching staff. They're already without their top two starters, Wood and Prior. Wood has bursitis in his shoulder, but was scheduled to throw a side session Tuesday and could pitch in a game later this week. Prior has inflammation in his elbow. He didn't have any soreness after throwing off a mound Sunday, and planned to throw again Tuesday.

## Cardinals apologize to Helton, Rockies for steroid flap

DENVER — St. Louis Cardinals General Manager Walt Jocketty apologized to the Colorado Rockies for comments by radio



Briefs

broadcaster Wayne Hagin suggesting Colorado first baseman Todd Helton used steroids.

"He said on behalf of their organization that he was sorry, and that Todd Helton is one of the finest people in baseball," Rockies General Manager Dan O'Dowd said after a conversation with Jocketty on Monday.

Hagin was a Rockies announcer before taking a job with the St. Louis team.

Dan Farrell, the Cardinals' senior vice president of marketing and sales, said Hagin would not be disciplined.

"It's the Cardinals' understanding that the comments were taken out of context. It's been clarified as to specifically what Wayne was talking about," Farrell said. "We apologize to Todd and to the Rockies for any problems this may have caused. As far as we are concerned, it's a closed matter."

In an interview Saturday with St. Louis radio station, Hagin said, "I know [Helton] tried it because (former Rockies manager)

Don Baylor told me. He said to me, 'I told him to get off the juice, that he was a player who didn't need that, get off it.'"

The comment was widely reported as a reference to steroids, but Hagin has insisted he was talking about supplements.

"Not once did I say 'steroids,'" Hagin said. "They have sensationalized this."

Baylor later said he was referring to creatine, a legal over-the-counter supplement.

Helton denied using steroids.

"It's frustrating and disappointing that you have to defend yourself for something you didn't do just because some guy wants to talk to hear himself talk," Helton said in Tucson, Ariz., where the Rockies are in spring training.

## Red Sox to stay at Fenway

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have decided to stay put at Fenway Park for the long term, ending years of speculation about whether the team would bolt for Fenway's oldest and smallest stadium.

The Red Sox on Wednesday plan to announce they will remain at Fenway, an industry source with knowledge of the

team's plans told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

Since buying the Red Sox in February 2002, the team's owners have refused to say whether they had made a final decision on staying long-term at Fenway, despite several recent stadium upgrades and seat additions.

The team's planned announcement to remain at Fenway was reported Tuesday in The Boston Globe, which cited Red Sox executives who declined to be identified.

Charles Steinberg, the team's executive vice president of public affairs, said Tuesday that the team planned to hold a news conference Wednesday. He declined further comment.

Sources cited by the Globe said the team plans to seek public financing to improve streets and sidewalks around the stadium and to build one or more garages and a new train station at Yawkey Way.

But those plans aren't contingent on securing public financing, the Globe reported.

The industry source who spoke to The Associated Press said the team had no plans to seek public money for any improvements to the stadium or surrounding neighborhood.

## Boxer Chavez to get back in ring again

LOS ANGELES — Julio Cesar Chavez is the latest athlete to be drawn out of retirement by the lure of one more paycheck.

Nearly a year after defeating Frankie Randall in what Chavez said was his final fight, the 42-year-old boxer has another one lined up.

Chavez will take on Ivan Robinson in a 10-round super lightweight fight May 28 at Staples Center that is being billed as the Mexicans' "Adios" to Los Angeles.

Chavez (106-5-2, 88 knockouts) has been idle since earning a unanimous decision over Randall in Mexico City in May.

"I know I'm not the same fighter, but there is still a little bit of the Julio you saw," he said. "It's not an easy fight, but I will be ready for him. This fight is for all the Mexican people who live here in L.A."

Robinson (39-9-2, 12 KOs) is best known for two victories over current WBC super lightweight champion Arturo Gatti in 1998.

The 34-year-old last fought in February, winning a six-round unanimous decision over Tyrone Winckler in his hometown of Philadelphia.

"It's a dream come true, but there again this is the scariest fight of my career," Robinson said. "I'm fighting a legend. Out of his wins, his 88 knockouts is re-

ally what has astounded me. The kid hasn't fought a bum a day in his life."

He joked about the aging Chavez, saying, "In dog age, they're going to say that's 105 years old."

## Longtime Louisiana-Monroe basketball coach Vining quits

MONROE, La. — Mike Vining resigned as Louisiana-Monroe's basketball coach Tuesday after 28 years of coaching, finishing with an 8-19 record for his third straight losing season.

Vining said he met with athletic director Bobby Staub during the weekend and decided the program would benefit from new leadership before it moves to the Sun Belt Conference in 2006-07.

# Norman, 50, hoping back surgery will rescue golf career

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Fearing he might have to retire from golf, two-time British Open champion Greg Norman had back surgery Tuesday and hopes to resume playing within three weeks.

Norman has cut back on his competitive schedule the past two years because of recurring back pain. He played seven times on the PGA Tour last year, but never broke par and made only one cut.

He had to withdraw earlier this month from the Dubai Desert Classic.

"I had a simple choice," Norman said. "Either retire from the game of golf or seek any and all available means to help relieve the pain that has kept me from



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performing at a level that suits my standards, and at the same time improves my quality of life."

Norman had the 90-minute operation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Joseph Maroon, the neurosurgeon for the Pittsburgh Steelers since 1977, said Norman is expected to make a full recovery.

Norman turned 50 in February and was expected to play in the Senior PGA Championship in late May at Laurel Valley.

"My desire remains the same, and that is to return to competition as soon as possible," Norman said.



# Fiery Chaney will be back at Temple

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Chaney's loud, raspy voice will be heard in arenas across the country next season. Those near-perfect clothes and designer ties will again be left in shambles after most games.

The Temple coach known for giving scores of players ample opportunity to succeed is getting another chance of his own. Chaney will return to coach the Owls for another season, ending speculation about the Hall of Famer's future after a tumultuous conclusion to the season.

"This is just a reaffirmation of an agreement between Temple and John Chaney," athletic director Bill Bradshaw told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday night. "There really wasn't anything different about this at all. There wasn't an earthshaking event occurring."

The in-hum announcement was in stark contrast with the nearly month-long controversy surrounding the 73-year-old Chaney, who was suspended for five games for ordering rough play by one of his players.

"It's difficult to believe there are any other chapters to this," Bradshaw said. "This hasn't been underhanded in any way."

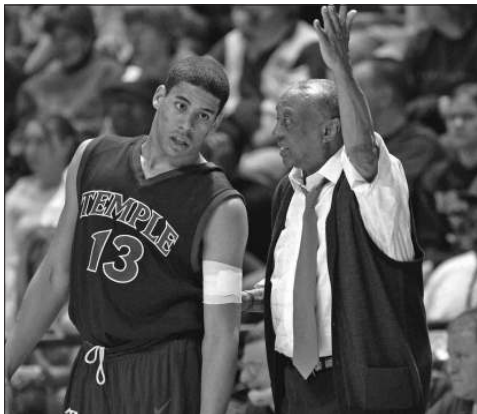
Angered by what he thought were illegal screens by Saint Joseph's, Chaney inserted seldom-used, 6-foot-8, 250-pound Nehemiah Ingram against the Hawks in a Feb. 22 game to "send a message."

Ingram fouled Hawks senior John Bryant hard. Bryant slammed to the floor and broke his arm.

In a surreal postgame news conference, Chaney screamed at Atlantic 10 Commissioner Linda Bruno and defended his actions by referring to himself as a "mean, ornery son of a bitch."

Chaney apologized to Bryant and his family and the Hawks forward returned to play in the NIT.

Chaney originally self-imposed a one-game



Temple coach John Chaney (right), talking with guard Mark Tyndale, sent in players to commit hard fouls that left Saint Joseph's senior John Bryant with a broken arm last month.

suspension the day after the St. Joe's game. The school extended the suspension to the rest of the season when it was learned Bryant broke his arm. Chaney then extended it to the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Assistant Dan Leibovitz went 3-2 in Chaney's place.

Chaney has a career record of 724-297. Among active coaches, only Bob Knight, Eddie Sutton and Lute Olson have more victories. Mike Krzyzewski is three wins behind Chaney.

Bradshaw said the university and Chaney would meet next fall to decide if Chaney wants to return for the 2006-07 season.

"Today was more important as a response to the media and the many questions more than it was about any internal evaluation," Bradshaw said. "I would say it's the status quo."

When reached at his home Monday night, Chaney declined to discuss his return for a 24th season with the Owls and 34th in college basketball.

"I'm not interested in talking to the media," Chaney said. "I have no comment."

Chaney, who won a Division II title during 10 seasons at Cheyney State, took the Owls' 17 NCAA tournaments from 1984 to 2001. But the Owls finished 16-14 this season and played in their fourth straight NIT.

Chaney, of course, is no stranger to controversy. He has a history of outrageous comments and insufferable antics, most notably threatening then-Massachusetts coach John Calipari during a postgame news conference.

Ultimately, Bradshaw and university president David Adamany decided Chaney's reputation as father figure to the scores of underprivileged players he's recruited and his string of 22 straight postseason appearances were enough to earn him one more shot.

"All of us in the athletic department are looking forward to turning the page," Bradshaw said. "For all of us, this will be the closing chapter."

At least until the two city rivals play again next year.

## Skills: Bogut's passing lifts revived Utes

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tucky, but Bogut didn't seem very concerned.

"We haven't watched any film yet," Bogut said when reached by cell phone between classes. "But we're jelling as a team and it's certainly the right time of the year for us to be doing that."

Bogut made his way to Utah after former coach Rick Majerus recruited him from a distance. He had a decent freshman year, then blossomed on the Australian national team in the Olympics, matching up well against the USA's Tim Duncan.

He was entertaining some pro offers from European teams when Giacomelli flew to Australia to talk him into playing with the Utes at least one more year.

Bogut says he'll wait until the season ends to discuss leaving for the NBA. But, with possible top-pick money awaiting, it's a foregone conclusion he has only a few games left with the Utes.

Whether that last game comes Friday will likely depend on how much Bogut can involve his teammates in the offense once again. The Wildcats have a pair of 7-foot reserves and they can afford to give away some fouls in the process.

That means Bogut will likely be out on the high post again, hoping his supporting cast can play a good game of catch and shoot. "I really like to find guys in the open," Bogut said. "I get a thrill out of throwing a good pass to a guy that scores."

Bogut's come back home in Melbourne aren't exactly studying their NCAA brackets to see who Utah would play if it beats Kentucky in the Big Ten conference and, of course, with a Final Four spot to the winner.

"It's not that big in Australia," Bogut said. "Every now and then I'll be in the paper, but that's about it."

## Villanova's Sumpter sidelined

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — When Curtis Sumpter failed to return from a knee injury in the second half of Villanova's second-round NCAA tournament game, coach Jay Wright expected the worst.

"He's the toughest guy I've ever coached," Wright said. "I didn't know what happened, but I knew when he didn't play, that it was serious."

Sure enough, Wright was correct.

Sumpter will miss the rest of the NCAA tournament after a MRI exam Monday revealed that he has a torn ligament in his left knee.

Villanova's starting forward was hurt in its second-round win over Florida on Sunday, leaving the game after 12 minutes after scoring eight points and twice tumbling to the court and clutching his left knee.

"I'm not sad or upset," Sumpter

said. "These types of things happen every day. I'm just happy my team still got the job done."

Sumpter, the team's second-leading scorer (15.3 points) and leading rebounder (7.2 rpg) didn't play again, instead cheering his teammates.

"When it happened, I knew something was wrong," Sumpter said. "I knew something felt a little funny. I thought I'd walk it off and I'd be fine."

Villanova (24-7) beat the fourth-seeded Gators 76-65 and advanced to its first regional semifinal since 1988. The fifth-seeded Wildcats will play No. 1 seed North Carolina on Friday night in Syracuse.

"Our team has gone through this," Wright said. "We can still do it."

Wright said Sumpter has a history of not telling trainers how badly he's injured. The junior missed two games this season with a sprained right knee and

has worn a brace around that knee since returning against Georgetown on Jan. 15.

Sumpter, a second-team All-Big East selection, said the first time he was hurt against the Gators, he thought he had tweaked his knee and wasn't really concerned about a serious injury. Sumpter said the second time, his knee just "gave out" and he knew he was finished for the tournament.

"I kind of knew it was something serious because I never felt like that before," Sumpter said.

Sumpter's injury is a serious blow to the Wildcats, who are chasing their first national championship since 1985. Besides being Villanova's only legitimate presence in the post, Sumpter is versatile enough to swing out and play well from the perimeter, shooting 43 percent from three-point range (39-for-90).

Without their 6-foot-7, 223-pound forward, the Wildcats will expect more minutes and production from Marcus Austin and Chris Charles.

## Davis still a Hoosier

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Mike Davis will remain Indiana's basketball coach, resolving doubts that persisted throughout the Hoosiers' disappointing season.

A written statement from athletic director Rick Greenspan included a warning that IU's 29-29 record over the past two seasons needs to improve. The Hoosiers went 15-14 this season, which ended with a 67-60 loss to Vanderbilt in the first round of the NIT.

Greenspan said Tuesday that he and Davis met in recent days and are committed to returning Indiana basketball to the country's upper echelons.

"While we share this common goal and are both confident that it will be reached, we also know that our record the last two years is not up to the standards to which Indiana is accustomed and to which we aspire,"

Greenspan said. "This is why we have set ambitious and achievable goals for next season of competing at a very high level in the Big Ten conference and successfully completing in the NCAA tournament."

Davis, who has three years left on his contract, has a record of 96-67 in five seasons since he took over for Bob Knight.

Davis led the Hoosiers to the 2002 national championship game during his second season, but his teams have missed the NCAA tournament the past two years. Indiana's 14-15 record during the 2003-04 season was the school's first losing season since 1969-70.

"I think that our non-conference slate and our success in Big Ten play have only helped our basketball team to grow and mature," Davis said in the school's statement. "The future of Indiana basketball is certainly bright, and I am excited to be a part of it."

## Women's NCAA tournament

## No. 1 seed Michigan St. survives scare from USC

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Rene Haynes saved top-seeded Michigan State from an embarrassingly early exit from the NCAA tournament.

Haynes came out of a wild scramble with the ball and made a layup with 2.9 seconds left, giving Michigan State a 61-59 victory over eighth-seeded Southern California in a second-round game Monday night.

It was a scary game for the Spartans (30-3), who were outthrust and outbounced by their young, scrappy opponent. But they survived and will take a 14-game winning streak into the semifinals of the Kansas City Regional on Sunday, where they will face fifth-seeded Vanderbilt.

Lindsay Bowen led Michigan State at 19 points, including four huge three-pointers in the second half. Her final three broke the Spartans a 59-56 lead with

37.3 seconds to play, but USC (20-11) tied it on freshman Brynn Canerion's long three with 21.7 seconds remaining.

The Spartans then got the ball inside, the shot was blocked and players dove all over the floor trying to get the ball. Haynes, a sophomore, finally came up with it to the left of the lane, took a step and made the basket.

Southern Cal wasn't able to get off a final shot and Michigan State moved on, despite going

more than 5 minutes without scoring in the second half.

USC got a big game from freshman Camille LeNorr, who scored nine quick points at the start of the second half to get the Trojans back in it after they trailed by six in the first half and finished with a career-high 18. Kim Gipson added 14 for the Trojans, who out-rebounded Michigan State 36-31, and Eshaya Murphy scored 14.

Liz Shimek had 14 for Michigan State, which couldn't hold a

six-point lead midway through the second half, and Kristin Haynes scored 12.

Despite the loss, the season was a positive step for first-year coach Mark Truitt's effort to return the program to national prominence. USC made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997 and won 20 games as the first team since that season.

And the Trojans went out knowing they took one of the nation's top programs to the final buzzer.

## Loney, ASU topple fourth-seeded Irish

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Arizona State's aggressive defense, timely shooting and gritty determination earned the Sun Devils that coveted trip home for the Tempe Regional semifinals.

Kylan Loney scored eight points in the final 1:29 and finished with 20 and the fifth-seeded Sun Devils erased an early 13-point deficit to shock No. 4 Notre Dame 70-61 on Monday night, winning a second-round game for the first time.

They immediately rushed to center court to celebrate.

Aubree Johnson had 12 points and nine rebounds and Amy Denison added 11 points and eight rebounds off the bench for the spirit-filled Sun Devils, who gained the momentum on Betsy Boardman's buzzer-beating three-pointer at halftime.

The Fighting Irish, ranked 11th in the nation and trouncing its advance past the second round for the third straight year, didn't exhibit the kind of fight the Sun Devils showed in the second half.

Arizona State (24-9), the Pac-10's top defensive team this season, hustled into the huddle during timeouts and hit the floor for loose balls. Coach Charlie Turner's Trojans high-fived their players to fire them up at every opportunity — and the Sun Devils kept making big baskets whenever Notre Dame (27-6) threatened.

After Jacqueline Batteast's putback pulled the Irish to 49-44 with 6:11 remaining, Emily Westenberg converted a three-point play on the other end for Arizona State, making an off-balance layup at 54-47. And Kristin Kovess answered a Notre Dame score with a fast-break layup at 3:30 to make it 58-50.

Batteast had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocks for Notre Dame, which committed 23 turnovers, had only seven assists and went away from what had worked so well in the first half: pounding the ball inside. Megan Duffy, who brought the Irish back in their first-round victory over UC Santa Barbara, scored 20 of her 24 points after halftime.

Also in the Tempe Regional:

**Minnesota 73, Virginia 58:** At Minneapolis, Jamie Broback had 23 points and five rebounds to help third-seeded Minnesota beat Virginia for its third straight trip to the round of 16.

Janel McCarville, playing her final home game, finished 3-for-7 from the floor and finished with 11 points, 14 rebounds and four fouls — blowing a kiss and waving to the roaring Williams Arena crowd of 10,043 as she left.

Minnesota (26-7) will play Baylor in Tempe on Saturday.

Shamee Zoll led sixth-seeded Virginia (21-11) with 20 points.

**Baylor 69, Oregon 42:** At Seattle, Sophia Young scored 25 points on 11-for-19 shooting, and second-seeded Baylor pulled away with an 18-0 run.

The Lady Bears improved to 29-3, their most victories since winning 29 games in 1980-81. Cathrine Kraayeveld led 10th-seeded Oregon (21-10) with 15 points.

## Kansas City Regional

**Vanderbilt 63, Kansas State 60:** At Seattle, Carla Thomas scored 18 points and fifth-seeded Vanderbilt overcame a late Kansas State rally to beat the fourth-seeded Wildcats.

Kansas State senior Laurie Koehn broke the NCAA career record for three-pointers, hitting three to finish her career with 392. Erin Thorn of BYU made 391 from 1999-03.

Ashley Earley added 17 points for Vanderbilt (24-7).

Kendra Wecker led Kansas State (24-8) with 29 points.

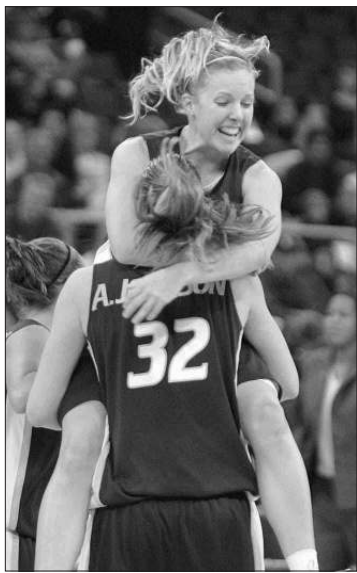
**Stanford 88, Utah 62:** At Fresno, Calif., Brooke Smith scored 20 points to lead five players in double figures and the top-ranked Cardinal cruised to their 22nd straight victory.

Stanford (31-2), seeded second, will play the winner of Tuesday night's Connecticut-Florida State game on Sunday in Kansas City.

Kim Smith led Utah (26-8) with 20 points.

## Chattanooga Regional

**Georgia 70, Texas 68:** At Dallas, Tasha Humphrey scored 26



Arizona State's Kylan Loney leaps into the arms of Aubree Johnson after their 70-61 win over Notre Dame in a second-round NCAA tournament game Monday in Fresno, Calif. Loney scored 20 points.

## Philadelphia Regional

**Texas Tech 80, Middle Tennessee 69:** At Dallas, Alesha Robertson scored 25 points, and Cisti Greenwald added 19 for fourth-seeded Texas Tech (24-7).

Texas Tech, in the round of 16 for the 11th time, will face the winner of Tuesday night's Tennessee-Purdue game on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Holmes, who hit the winning jumper with a 1.6 seconds left Saturday in 12th-seeded Middle Tennessee's 60-58 victory over fifth-seeded North Carolina State, scored 25 points for the Lady Raiders (24-9).

## Women's NCAA tournament

## PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 19  
Texas Tech 80, Middle Tennessee 69

**Sunday, March 20**  
Purdue 68, New Mexico 56  
Tennessee 64, Western Carolina 43

**Second Round**  
Monday, March 21  
Texas Tech 80, Middle Tennessee 69

**Tuesday, March 22**  
Tennessee 64 vs. Purdue (11-12)  
Temple 28 (3) vs. Rutgers (26-4)

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, March 27  
Texas Tech 80 vs. Tennessee/Purdue

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 28  
Texas Tech 80 vs. Tennessee/Purdue

## CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 19  
Texas 64, Oral Roberts 47

**Sunday, March 20**  
Arizona 72, Oklahoma 69

**Second Round**  
Monday, March 21  
Arizona 72 vs. Oklahoma (28-11)

**Tuesday, March 22**  
LSU (30-2) vs. Arizona (28-11)  
DePaul (24-6) vs. Liberty (24-6)

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, March 26  
LSU/Arizona vs. DePaul/Liberty

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 27  
LSU/Arizona vs. DePaul/Liberty

## KANSAS CITY REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 19  
Southern California 65, Louisville 49

**Sunday, March 20**  
Michigan State 73, Alcorn State 41

**Second Round**  
Monday, March 21  
Utah 73, Iowa State 61

**Tuesday, March 22**  
Kansas State 70, Bowling Green 60

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, March 26  
Connecticut 57, Baylor 50

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 27  
Florida State 67, Richmond 54

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 19  
Michigan State 73, Southern California 59

**Sunday, March 20**  
Stanford 88, Utah 62

**Second Round**  
Monday, March 21  
Vanderbilt 63, Kansas State 60

**Tuesday, March 22**  
Florida State 67 vs. Connecticut (24-7)

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, March 26  
Michigan State (30-3) vs. Vanderbilt (24-7)

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 27  
Fla. State (24-9) vs. Stanford (31-2)

## TEMPE REGIONAL

**First Round**  
Saturday, March 19  
Virginia 72, DePaul 55

**Sunday, March 20**  
Minnesota 64, Utah 44

**Second Round**  
Monday, March 21  
Arizona State 70, Eastern Kentucky 65

**Tuesday, March 22**  
Notre Dame 61, UC Santa Barbara 51

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, March 26  
North Carolina 57, Coppin 53

**Championship**  
Sunday, March 27  
Georgia Washington 65, Mississippi 57

## THE FINAL FOUR

**At RCA Dome, Indianapolis**  
Saturday, April 2  
Chattanooga 77 vs. Baylor (29-3)

**Sunday, April 3**  
Chattanooga 77 vs. Baylor (29-3)

# HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Quick transition

### Some DODDS softball teams switch from slowpitch to fastpitch this year

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

Lindsey Davis arrived at Kadena High School last year and the softball player hoped the game would change from slowpitch to fastpitch. Her wishes came true Saturday.

The switch, which Department of Defense Dependents Schools officials say was requested by students, is taking place for DODDS leagues in South Korea and Okinawa. Coaches and players say the fastpitch game will help players' futures.

"It's a more quick, fast-paced game," said Davis, who played seven years for traveling youth teams in Nebraska before coming to Kadena and hopes to play fastpitch at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. "And it helps you go further when you want to play competitively in college."

The move on Okinawa gives Kadena and rival Kubasaki a chance to play other teams besides each other. This season, four DODDS teams from Korea and two from Okinawa will compete in fastpitch softball.

"This year, we have three Japanese teams, last year it was just us," Kadena coach Joe Ware said. "That's the good thing about it."

The decision about which area plays fastpitch or slowpitch is decided by each district, said DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council chair Don Hobbs.

And not everybody is along for the ride. The DODDS-Japan League is the only one in the area that plays slowpitch.

Bonnie Seeley, Yokota's athletic director and softball coach, was one of the leading proponents of keeping DODDS-Japan's status quo.

"Seeley believes more players benefit from slowpitch, a 'lifetime sport,'" and that the superb player who could merit a fastpitch scholarship is rare to nonexistent in the Pacific.

"Fastpitch is a pitcher-and-catcher's game. In slowpitch, everyone's involved. Everybody can be a good player," she said.

But even long-time proponents of slowpitch, such as Ware, recognize fastpitch's prominence.

"You really need that on your college transcript," Ware said.

Compounding the problem for Okinawa teams is that Kadena and Kubasaki are not full-fledged DODDS teams.

The Okinawa league, which got off the ground in 2003, is funded primarily by parents and Kadena's 18th Services and Marine Corps Community Services. DODDS-Okinawa permits the teams to wear their respective school names, colors and mascots.

Davis feels that Far East tournaments would give females athletes more incentive to play softball, rather than soccer, which offers season-ending Far East tournaments.

"It would entice people to play," Davis said. "They would have something to work for, and it would give them a chance to travel. A lot of girls play soccer for that reason. If we had a Far East, you'd have soccer players playing softball."

Ware suggested that if areas continue to play different types of softball, it would be easier to convert to slowpitch for the purposes of having a Far East tournament.

"I can take this team and have it ready to play slowpitch in two days," Ware said. "It takes much longer to go from slowpitch to fastpitch."

Each of six new fastpitch teams had to recruit pitchers, catchers and fielders to play a vastly different game from slowpitch softball.

There are three outfielders instead of four. Pitches come in five times as fast. Strikeouts are far more common. First basemen and third basemen frequently play closer to home plate to defend bunts and hit-and-run plays. Stealing bases is more prevalent.

"There's not as much standing around," said Kubasaki sophomore outfielder Katherine Kelley, who played slowpitch for the Dragons last year after one year of fastpitch in Spotsylvania, Va. "I'm moving around a lot more. It's more fun, a faster pace. We're not playing like senior citizens any more."

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Kadena freshman Karna Davis throws a pitch during practice Tuesday at Chibana Recreation Area. Six teams in Okinawa and Korea have switched from slowpitch to fastpitch softball this season.

### This week's schedule

**Soccer**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Taegu American at International Christian School, 3:30 p.m.; Pusan American at Osan American, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 26**  
Osan American at Seoul American, 9 a.m.; Pusan American at International Christian-Jilgongbu, 9 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 30**  
Taegu American at Pusan American, 3:30 p.m.

**Baseball**  
**Saturday, March 26**  
At Lombardo Field Complex, South Post, Yongson Garrison, Seoul  
Osan American at Seoul American; Taegu American at Seoul American; Osan American at Taegu American

**Girls softball**  
**Saturday, March 26**  
At Mustang Field Complex, Osan Air Base  
Seoul American at Osan American; Seoul American vs. Taegu American; Taegu American at Osan American; Pusan American at Osan American; Taegu American at Taegu American

**Baseball**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Japanese team TSD at Kubasaki, 5 and 7 p.m.; Kyujo at Kadena, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 26**  
Japanese team TSD at Kadena, 5 p.m.; Japanese team TSD at Kubasaki, 7 p.m.

**Girls soccer**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Japanese team TSD at Kadena, 5 p.m.; Kubasaki at Naha-michi, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 26**  
Japanese team TSD at Kadena, 5 p.m.; Japanese team TSD at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.

**Track and field**  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
**Thursday, March 24**  
Zion Christian Academy and Kadena at Kubasaki, 3 p.m.

**Baseball**  
**Thursday, March 24**  
Zama American vs. Nile C. Kinnick at Rego Heights Naval Housing Facility, 5 p.m.  
**Friday, March 25**  
Matthew C. Perry at E.J. King, 5 p.m.; Robert D. Edgren vs. Matthew C. Perry at Sasebo Naval Base, 7 p.m.

**Girls soccer**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Robert D. Edgren at E.J. King, 10 a.m.; Matthew C. Perry at E.J. King, noon

**Baseball**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Robert D. Edgren at Zama American, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 26**  
Nile C. Kinnick at Zama American, 10 a.m.; American School in Japan at Yokota, 10 a.m.; Robert D. Edgren at Yokota, noon; American School in Japan vs. Robert D. Edgren at Yokota Air Base, 2 p.m.

**Baseball**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Nile C. Kinnick at Matthew C. Perry, 1 p.m.; Robert D. Edgren at Matthew C. Perry, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 26**  
Zama American at Yokota, 10 a.m.; Nile C. Kinnick at Matthew C. Perry, 10 a.m.; Robert D. Edgren at Matthew C. Perry, 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Nile C. Kinnick at Yokota, 1 p.m.

**Girls softball**  
**Friday, March 25**  
Yokota at Nile C. Kinnick, 5:30 p.m.; Zama American at E.J. King, 1 p.m.; Robert D. Edgren at E.J. King, 10 a.m.

**Saturday, March 26**  
Zama American at E.J. King, 10 a.m.; Robert D. Edgren at E.J. King, 10 a.m.; Zama American at Yokota, 5:30 p.m.

**Baseball**  
**Saturday, March 26**  
American School in Japan, Zama American and Nile C. Kinnick at Yokota, 9:30 a.m.

### Game of the week

**Baseball**  
**Taegu American (1-1) at Seoul American (2-0)**  
**When:** Noon, Saturday, March 26  
**Where:** Lombardo Field Complex, South Post, Yongson Garrison, Seoul  
**What:** Chance for host's fall fans to take commanding lead or for visiting Warriors to throw wide open door.

**First place in Department of Defense War Games**  
**Players to watch:** Junior left-hander Mike Goodman tossed four innings of no-hit ball with nine strikeouts in Seoul and TSD's 7-2 shutout victory over Osan American, then batted 2-for-3 with a double and scored three times in the Dragons' 6-2 season-opening win over the Warriors at Taegu's Camp Walker. For Taegu pitchers, Lance Shirley and Daniel Roberts combined for 13 strikeouts as the Warriors split their openers.

### Will Badillo

Baseball

Zama American, Japan

**Last week:** Went 1-1 while pitching two complete games, striking out 26 batters and throwing a no-hitter in Friday's 2-1 victory over Matthew C. Perry, the second no-hitter thrown by a Japan League pitcher in six weeks.

Badillo, a senior, struck out 13 batters, as he did in a losing performance last Tuesday against the St. Mary's International Titans. For the week, Badillo hit four home runs.

"He's done a good job," coach Tom Alersworth said of Badillo, the "acknowledged leader of the team" along with fellow senior Nick Villanosa, and who's done an important part in mentoring a team composed mostly of freshmen. "They look up to him. He's always the one who sets the example."

Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Dianne Abel

Girls soccer

Kadena, Okinawa

**Last week:** Scored two goals and had two assists to help the Panthers win their Okinawa Activities Center opener, beating their arch-rival Kubasaki Dragons 5-1 on Saturday at Mike Petty Stadium, Camp Foster.

Abel, a junior and the team's captain, continued her pace from last season, in which she led the Pacific with 34 goals and 19 assists in powering the Panthers to their first Far East Class AA Tournament title.

"The numbers don't tell the story," coach Hoa Nguyen said. "We work a team concept, and she's emblematic of that team concept. She knows that if she makes the people around her better, then she'll play better. She's hungry and she pushes others to improve their game."

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# Mad skills

## Utah's 7-foot Bogut has NBA scouts drooling

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There are times when he acts like the tallest point guard in the country, and other times when he's merely the most dominating inside presence in the NCAA tournament.

NBA executives salivate when his name is mentioned, though you'd be hard-pressed to find many basketball fans east of the Rockies who knew much about him only a few weeks ago.

Without Andrew Bogut, Utah wouldn't even be playing this time of year, much less have an outside chance of making the Final Four.

He's a superstar who just happens to need four other players on the court with him, much like Gladys Knight needed the Pips or Tom Petty the Heartbreakers.

"I think all his teammates understand they're probably very fortunate to be playing with him," Utah coach Ray Giambletti said during a telephone interview Monday.

They should, because if Bogut isn't everybody's player of the year, something is wrong with the balloting. If he's not the first pick in the NBA Draft in June, some general manager is sleeping.

This is a 7-footer so gifted that even his coach isn't telling him to come back for his junior year.

"He's going to make a lot of money for a lot of years," Giambletti said.

Bogut will make that money because he's one of those players who can dominate in many ways without having much of a supporting cast. That's so rare in college basketball that you'd have to go back to 1988 when Danny Manning led Kansas to a national title to see the similarities.

It showed on Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., when Bogut tied his season low with 10 points yet still managed to lead the Utes to a win over Oklahoma and a berth in the regional semifinals Friday against Kentucky.

The Sooners wanted to push Bogut around and beat him up in the low post, so

*He's one of those players who can dominate in many ways without having much of a supporting cast.*

Andrew Bogut, a sophomore from Australia, is a consensus No. 1 draft pick in June's NBA Draft, and the top candidate to win national player of the year honors. He has led Utah to the round of 16 for the first time since 1998.

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Bogut switched to the high post and acted like a point guard, dishing off passes to appreciative teammates for easy baskets. He was credited with seven assists, and he also managed to grab 11 rebounds.

"Bogut made a lot of good passes," Oklahoma's Johnnie Gilbert said after the game. "I thought a lot of times we would pick it off, but somehow it got through."

Think about it. When is the last time you heard an opponent praising a 7-foot center's passing ability?

"He really has operated as a point guard all year," Giambletti said. "Some-times people just see he leads the country in double dunks. But every time he touches the ball something good happens for our team."

On Monday, Bogut was just another sophomore on his way to class. That is, if big, tall sophomores with thick Australian accents and shaggy haircuts are the norm in Salt Lake City.

Up in the Huntsman Center, Giambletti and his assistants were working up a game plan for Kentucky, but Bogut didn't seem very concerned.

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**Passing:** Praised as one of the most adept passers ever for a 7-footer, Bogut had seven assists in Saturday's victory over Oklahoma and averaged 2.5 a game during the season, tops among big men in the Mountain West.

**Inside presence:** Naturally, some-one of Bogut's dimensions can dominate near the basket. The sophomore led Division I players in rebounding (12.5 per game) and ranked second in the Mountain West Conference in blocked shots (1.9 per game).

**Utah's Andrew Bogut: A man of many talents**

**Shooting:** He was 12th in Div. I with a 62.9 field-goal percentage, eighth in MVC in free throws (71.1 percent) and made 37.5 percent of his three-point attempts.

**Ball-handling:** The Aussie is so talented with the basketball that he often operates as a point guard in Utah's half-court sets. That was the case against Oklahoma on Saturday when he was situated at the foul line.



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